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Thatcher scorns Major over Maastricht



Lady Thatcher leaving for the debate yesterday

By Sheila Gunn
Political Correspondent

BARONESS Thatcher and her fellow Euro-sceptics put John Major on notice yesterday that he can expect a rough ride in the next few months over his European policy. In a thinly disguised personal censure of her successor, the former prime minister declared in the Lords that she would never have signed the Maastricht treaty if she had remained in charge. "I hope that is clear to all who have heard me," she added.

As the Lords embarked on the marathon two-day debate on the principle of the Maastricht bill, peers of all parties were split on the issue of a referendum. The government's business managers are still hopeful that the fear of provoking a constitutional clash with the Commons will dissuade many peers from backing a referendum amendment at the end of this month.

However, the strength of hostility from Lady Thatcher, Lord Parkinson, the former Conservative party chairman, and Viscount Tonypandy, formerly George Thomas the Commons Speaker, indicated that the bill will have a stormy passage through the upper House in the next two months. If unchanged, the bill is expected to receive royal assent late next month. MPs and peers will then vote on the social chapter motion before the Maastricht process is completed. However, the lax procedures in the Upper House, with no Speaker and no restriction on amendments, mean the fate of the bill lies largely in the hands of the peers.

The Euro-sceptics have about 500 amendments ready to be tabled later this week after the second reading debate. Apart from the referendum, there appears to be some dispute among peers on the constitutional and legal implications of the treaty. If any amendments are carried, the bill must be returned to the Commons for discussion, which could heap fresh humiliation on the government by delaying ratification until August.

Lady Thatcher told a packed chamber that a voluntary alliance of nations was being turned into a European superstate without people realising the consequences. She strongly condemned the European Commission for misusing its powers under the Single European Act and the European Court for too often ruling in favour of closer European union. Among those listening to the attack on the treaty were two Tory Euro-sceptic MPs — Michael Forsyth the employment minister, and Edward Leigh, the junior industry minister who lost his job in the last cabinet reshuffle.

Demanding a referendum, the former prime minister said: "No elector in this country has been able to vote against Maastricht — none. It has been impossible to do so. It is disgraceful if we deny them that opportunity." In his maiden speech, Lord Parkinson agreed with Lady Thatcher by condemning the treaty as "a major preparation for trade wars and protectionism".

In contrast, the two former European commissioners who lead the Labour and Liberal Democrat peers, Lord Richard and Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, backed early treaty ratification. The former prime minister's speech attracted warm praise. Sir Teddy Taylor, MP for Southend East, said: "I think this is one of the best days of my parliamentary career — to hear her, surrounded by a crowd of people who don't agree with her, put the facts fairly and squarely." However, Hugh Dykes, chairman of the European Movement, said Lady Thatcher's comments were "completely ludicrous".

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MATTHEW PARRIS
Political Sketch

Sharpening of claws at the sound of battle

It wasn't one of her better speeches, but who cared? It was herself. That's all people need to know these days.

She wore an old favourite for the occasion: the navy-blue two-piece suit with bold white piping round the big angular collar. The desired effect is perhaps of Britannia rising from the waves, but another impression was of Sailor Girl. She looked good. Show her a good scrap and the decades fall away.

The House of Lords was really only a backdrop. Is there any other British statesman who can brush away all that gilt and red leather, treating it as no more than an elaborate stage set? Even Roy Jenkins, an infinitely more accomplished speaker, adapts himself to the Lords' mode, appearing as a creature of the chamber, albeit a noble one.

She, on the other hand, just shrugs it all aside: a big cat who, finding herself briefly detained in a poodle parlour, sharpens her claws on the velvet.

Lord Wakeham, the leader of the Lords and a former Commons chief whip, spoke first, for the government. A guinea-pig could have made a more inspiring speech on our European destiny.

Next up, Lord Richard, for Labour, suggested kindly that Lord Wakeham's trumpet had been muted; to be frank, we never heard a trumpet, not even muted: a tinkle on the triangle, perhaps, but no more than that. If this was Lord Wakeham's song for Europe, then *nul points* had to be our verdict.

Lord Richard, promising that he, by contrast, would give us a positive, Labour Party, point of view, proudly quoted his own party conference resolution declaring that the Maastricht accord "while not perfect, is the best that can be achieved". Euro-breasts heaved with pride and the hair tingled on the backs of our necks.

Then came Lord Jenkins. To say "Euro-realist" when you can't pronounce one's Rs is immensely brave. When Lord Jenkins suddenly told us that he was a Euwowealist, many of their lordships sat up in surprise, supposing that this was some kind of German sausage.

Baroness Thatcher removed her spectacles and looked sharply across. Geoffrey Howe, behind her and only a dagger's lunge away, grabbed and held the knot of his tie alarmingly, as though choking.

Then she stood up, the anti-sausage, clutching a sheaf of notes, many of them hastily scrawled in the preceding minutes. It was a shambles of a speech, by degrees rambling, nit-picking or derisory.

Although it had little form, it achieved its apparent purpose. That was, firstly to apprise us of a list of things we ought to know but might foolishly have overlooked concerning Europe; and secondly to deliver to the media three deliberate sound-bites of a robust nature, to be used on news bulletins that night and in this morning's press. These have and will duly appear as scheduled.

Only the peroration, three lines, had been typed; the rest was jottings in blue felt-tip, interpreted rather as one might a shopping list as one steered the supermarket

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Smith set for summer war with unions

By Philip Webster and Philip Bassett

■ John Smith will refuse to compromise with the trade unions in the face of defeat at the autumn conference over his plans for reform

A SUMMER civil war within the labour movement appeared inevitable last night after senior union leaders issued a stinging rebuff to John Smith, who in turn refused to abandon his plans to limit the union block vote.

Three of Britain's biggest unions yesterday rejected the Labour leader's one member, one vote proposal for the selection of parliamentary candidates, declaring that as long as the unions continued to pay Labour's bills, they expected a major voice in the party's affairs.

The votes — by the GMB, the National Union of Public Employees and the NCU communications union — mean Mr Smith faces almost certain defeat on the issue at this autumn's party conference: one party source predicted a block vote of more than 2,750,000 votes against the reforms and only 750,000 in favour.

John Edmonds, the GMB leader, told his union conference in Portsmouth that it was appalling that Labour politicians were trying to weaken the unions' role in the party. "There are three million unemployed, homelessness and poverty on a scale not known for a generaton and the health service is falling apart at the seams. And this is the moment when instead of attacking this awful government, a number of Labour politicians have decided to attack us — the trade unions who founded the party and have loyally supported Labour through thick and thin," he said. "We support the party. We pay for the party. We have a right to democracy in the party because, never forget, it is our party, too."

Mr Smith responded last night by saying that no one was under any illusion that it was an easy matter to solve: "What we have got to do is the right thing for our party and democracy and that is one member, one vote." A source close to him added that compromise on the issue would "not be part of the equation" even if Mr Smith went to the conference facing defeat.

Throughout the day, members of the shadow cabinet reacted furiously to Mr Edmonds's behaviour in provoking an attention-grabbing clash with Mr Smith when the government was at its lowest ebb.

Several accused Mr Edmonds of having declared war against Mr Smith and his efforts to modernise the party. Others said he was trying to improve his credentials with the left to strengthen his claims to become leader in any future merger between the GMB and the transport workers' union.

Neil Kinnock, who as Labour leader began the process of modernising the party, intervened to accuse the union leaders of causing a "distressing and totally unnecessary diversion". He said they were trying to hold on to powers that had, in reality, long since gone and described the GMB vote as tragic because it was based on "the fiction that we want a divorce between the Labour party and the trade unions". Mr Smith was a damn good leader and defeat would cause major problems.

The row also extended to the shadow cabinet itself, with John Prescott complaining that Tony Blair, Gordon Brown, David Blunkett and Robin Cook were trying to "bounce the constituencies" by writing to party members backing the one member, one vote proposals — known as

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First day of testing ignored by teachers

By John O'Leary and Ben Preston

TEACHERS brought the first round of tests for 14-year-olds to a halt yesterday as a union boycott held firm in all but a handful of schools.

Education authorities throughout England and Wales reported that almost no schools had run the first of ten tests planned for the next nine days. John Patten, the education secretary, described the action as a "great tragedy for children and their schools".

All ten city technology colleges carried out the tests but most grant-maintained schools joined the boycott. Independent schools were not obliged to follow the government's assessment programme, although some went ahead voluntarily.

The success of the teachers' action, declared "99.9 per cent effective" by the union leading the dispute, signals the end of this year's planned league tables of 14-year-olds' results. The future of those covering seven-year-olds is also in doubt, as schools refuse to report their results.

The National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers claimed that the tests had been completely wiped out in about a quarter of all education authorities. David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said the boycott was a clear message that government policy would have to change.

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Shephard concern at food fraud

By Tony Dawe

GILLIAN Shephard, the new agriculture minister, expressed her concern last night about abuses in the food industry, as *The Times* investigation continues today with disclosures about how shoppers are being misled.

Supermarkets are selling frozen chickens which contain only 75 per cent meat, salmon pies with only 13 per cent fish, and crabsticks that are manufactured with as little as 3 per cent crab, among many other examples of "food fraud". Mrs Shephard said: "I take very seriously the need for food to be properly labelled to show what it contains."

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Mia Farrow wins her custody battle

From Ben Macintyre in New York

A NEW YORK judge yesterday awarded custody of the three children shared by the film-maker Woody Allen and his former lover, Mia Farrow, to the 47-year-old actress, ending a bitter legal tussle that had all the psychological tension, but none of the humour, of a Woody Allen film.

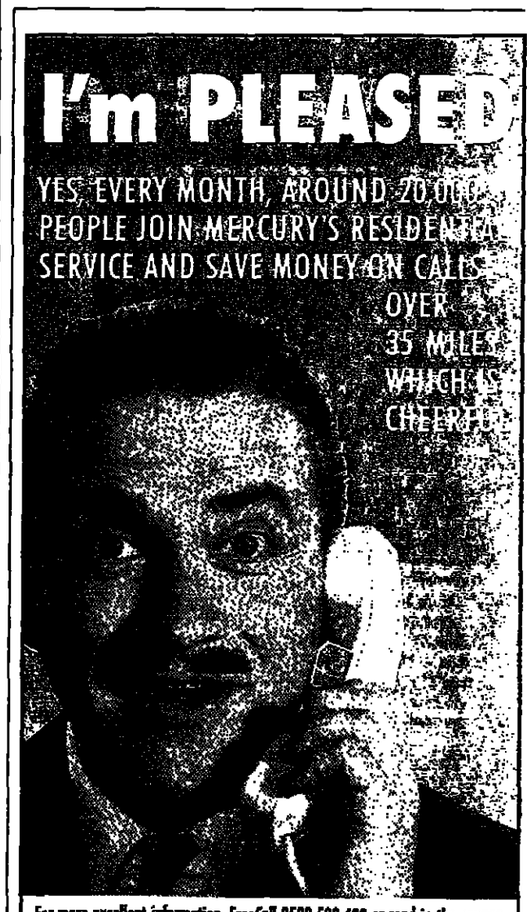
The battle erupted last August, amid allegations by Ms Farrow that Mr Allen, 57, had sexually abused their adopted daughter, Dylan, aged 7. The film-maker sued for custody of the children, after admitting an affair with another of Ms Farrow's adopted children, Soon-Yi Previn, 22.

An independent investigating panel found no evidence that Dylan had been abused. The case is still under investigation by Connecticut police.

During seven weeks of testimony Mr Allen accused his ex-lover of 13 years of brainwashing Dylan into making the allegations and using their children to wage a vendetta against him.

After deliberating for more than four weeks, Judge Elliott Wilk of the New York State Supreme Court yesterday barred Mr Allen from visiting Dylan for at least six months. He also ruled that Mr Allen should not see the couple's adopted son Moses, aged 15, unless the boy requested it, and granted him supervised visitation rights with Satchel, the couple's five-year-old biological son.

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Beleaguered Major urged to appoint heavyweight adviser

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

JOHN Major is being urged by influential Conservatives to appoint a senior politician as a personal adviser to keep him abreast of parliamentary and Conservative party opinion and to help him to avoid the troubles that have beset the government in recent weeks.

As Tory MPs returned to Westminster yesterday depressed by the reactions in their constituencies to the cabinet reshuffle and its aftermath, friends of the prime minister suggested that he should ask a heavyweight figure to do for him the job that Viscount Whitelaw did for Baroness Thatcher during much of her premiership. It was also disclosed yesterday that Mr Major ignored the executive of the 1922 committee in carrying out an early reshuffle. Via Richard Ryder, the chief whip, the executive told the prime minister several weeks ago that he should wait until July.

A virtually unanimous view among Tory MPs contacted by *The Times* yesterday was that the reshuffle, carried out as they left for the Whitsun recess, had not been sufficiently extensive.

One senior right-winger said Mr Major had been "mad" to deny Norman Lamont the opportunity to see through his decision to bring taxation and spending together in a November Budget. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, had been handed a "poisoned chalice" in being asked to take over the Treasury with so many difficult decisions ahead. But he added: "I am not saying that the prime minister is on his last legs or that he should go."

Other MPs delored Mr Major's failure to promote some of the cabinet's long-serving parliamentary private secretaries and there was criticism of his tactics in sacking Edward Leigh from his junior trade post over his opposition to Maastricht.

Several felt Mr Major should have moved John Patten from the education department to improve the atmosphere in schooling soured by the row over tests. Others felt that Mr Major's failure to inject new blood left a false impression of a government that was devoid of ability in its lower ranks.

Mainstream Tory MPs acknowledged that they had encountered a groundswell of discontent in the constituencies. One said that he had had two half-hour conversations with party members in which they had lambasted the prime minister. "The poor man cannot do any right at the moment," he said. "They even felt his statement that he was fit and well in his speech on Friday was unduly defensive."

One senior member of the 1922 executive said he sensed that most of his colleagues wanted to rally behind the prime minister, but he also spoke of an atmosphere of fear pervading the backbenches. "Most of them believe that if the prime minister were to resign the government could lose a confidence motion in the House and a lot of them would be out on their ears."

Another MP said he had been shaken by the contempt for Mr Major in his constituency. He was being damned for being "grey and a wimp".

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Changes to curb solicitors' fraud

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A NEW central intelligence network involving spot checks of solicitors' firms are among tough measures outlined by the Law Society yesterday to stamp out dishonesty and fraud.

The society's monitoring unit plans to step up visits to firms identified as being "at risk" from 500 to 1,650 a year. Accountants who certify solicitors' books each year are to be required to report back any concerns they may have.

A fraud intelligence officer is being proposed, with the task of liaising with mortgage lenders, police, prosecuting authorities. Local law societies are to be asked to help with "intelligence gathering" on law firms who are running into difficulties.

A third proposal is for a fast-track complaints procedure to speed up handling of complaints by the Solicitors' Complaints' Bureau of serious misconduct under "Operation Crackdown" with specific attention to be paid to firms with a poor complaints record.

The proposals have been drawn up to deal with the crisis arising over the cost to the profession of meeting huge recent claims against the solicitors' compensation fund, which last year totalled £58.6 million.

Mark Sheldon, society president, said yesterday the problem of the cost of default had become "unacceptable to every single member of the profession", although there were signs it was now levelling out.

The society has ruled out setting a ceiling on the amount of compensation it will pay out to mortgage lenders who make claims over solicitors' dishonesty. But it is laying down new anti-fraud procedures to be followed by mortgage lenders in the shape of a "code of good practice".

The proposals are going before before the Law Society's council, the profession's governing body, on Thursday after lengthy consultation with the profession on how to tackle the mounting cost of claims by the public and by mortgage lenders arising from dishonesty by solicitors.

Lib Dems fire first Christchurch salvo

PHIL YEOMANS



Diana Maddock: thought of as a natural, with a strong local history

Teacher named as candidate

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

THE Liberal Democrats in Christchurch have dropped the eccentric Methodist preacher who stood as their candidate at the general election in favour of a telegenic 48-year-old mother of two.

Diana Maddock, a foreign-language teacher with a history of political activity in the area, hopes to reduce the government's majority further at the by-election, expected in early or mid-July. She was selected after the original application list of more than 20 was whittled down to two.

The Rev Dennis Bussey, 61, who polled 13,612 votes in the seat last year, put his name forward but fell early in the selection process.

Mrs Maddock, described as a natural by Willie Rennie, the constituency party agent, has a strong local pedigree. She is the Liberal Democrat group leader on Southampton city council and stood in the Southampton Test constituency in the general election. She has lived much of her life in Lymington, just outside the present boundaries of the constituency, but currently lives in Southampton.

The Liberal Democrats are seeking to overturn a Tory majority of more than 23,000 votes in a by-election caused by the death last month of Robery Adley, the maverick Tory MP.

With weekend polls pointing to a Liberal Democrat majority of about 7,000 in the Dorset constituency, the party's new candidate has wasted no time in going on the attack. She concentrated her first burst of fire on the impact of domestic fuel VAT on pensioners: 40 per cent of the Christchurch electorate are over 60.

The Conservative and Labour parties have yet to name their candidates.

□ 1992 general election result: R. J. Adley (C) 36,627; Rev D. Bussey (LD) 13,612; A. Lloyd (Lab) 6,997; J. Barratt (NLP) 243; A. Wareham (CRA) 175. Con majority 23,015.

EC fails to resolve art sales VAT row

London's art market breathed a sigh of relief yesterday as the Chancellor defended Britain's stance on the taxation of artworks entering the country to be sold. For the past 18 months the government has withstood EC pressure to impose VAT on objects brought to London auction houses from abroad. London's zero rating has made it the centre of the world art market.

The issue was to have been resolved at yesterday's meeting of EC finance ministers in Luxembourg, but delegates emerged from the meeting with only "progress" to report. At present a client pays 5 per cent tax on his price if he sells in Paris, 7 per cent in Germany and 17.5 per cent in the Netherlands. If Britain is forced into line, sellers would move trade to New York and Geneva. London auction houses expect a compromise will bring a 2 per cent VAT rate.

900 train jobs cut

Britain's biggest train builder, ABB Transportation — formerly known as BREL — made 896 of its 6,134 staff redundant yesterday after a severe fall in orders from the British market. The privatised workshop arm of British Rail made 532 workers redundant in York, 273 at its four plants in Derby and 91 at Crewe. The announcement comes three months after it reported continuing pre-tax losses and said that order books were running out because of uncertainty caused by rail privatisation plans.

Doctor seeks damages

A Harley Street rheumatologist issued a High Court writ yesterday, seeking £1 million in damages from the government. Dr Anthony Goldstein says he has suffered financially because of the government's failure properly to implement the 1975 EC medical directives. The writ is issued against Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary.

Ex-officer denies threat

A former naval officer threatened to blow up the BBC and the Broadcasting Complaints Commission, a court was told, because he believed he was badly treated on the television programme *Kilroy* during a discussion about the IRA. Southwark Crown Court was told that during the broadcast in December 1991 — the day after BR property in Clapham was bombed — Brian Davies, 64, refused to condemn the IRA. Mr Davies, of Worcester Park, south London, denies the charges. The case continues today.

Post Office thief jailed

A postman who bought a £180,000 Cornish farmhouse with cash stolen from registered mail was jailed for five years by the Old Bailey yesterday. Christopher Pickering, 37, of Dagenham, east London, admitted conspiracy to steal mail from the Post Office's underground railway in London. He took £607,000, some of it in foreign currency.

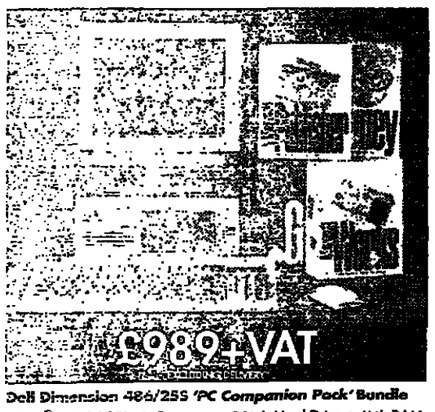
Rix quits Arts Council

Lord Rix, the former actor Brian Rix, resigned last night as chairman of the Arts Council's drama panel over a threatened £5 million budget cut. He accused the council of "devising fatuous so-called policies" and made his decision after reading a secret report, prepared by Price Waterhouse, appraising the role of the Council.

Fords from Spain

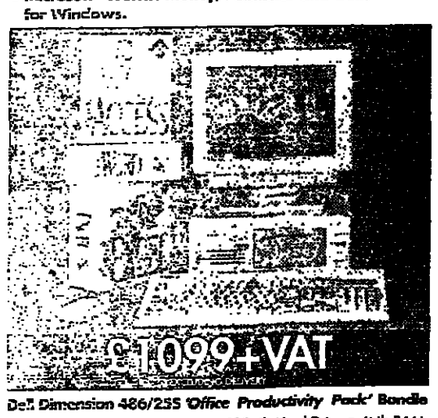
Ford came under attack from a union yesterday after it admitted that 2,000 Fiestas were being imported into Britain from a plant in Spain. The company blamed updating of the assembly line at its Dagenham factory in Essex, which has put a ceiling on the number of Fiestas built. However, a union said it was "shocked" at the imports, which come after Ford shed 4,000 jobs in the UK. "The company assured us this would not happen," said the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union.

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BA and Virgin renew hostility

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

HOPES of a settlement in the "dirty tricks" dispute between British Airways and Virgin Atlantic were dashed last night with each side telling the other "see you in court".

The intervention of Christopher Chataway, chairman of the CAA, as a mediator to bring the two sides together to prevent growing damage to Britain's aviation industry, had seemed likely to win a compromise solution.

But last night British Airways rejected a suggestion of £9 million compensation for Virgin and said it wanted an independent arbitrator to work out the amount of compensation. Also, it said that Virgin was free to pursue claims in the United States or Europe under anti-trust competition laws.

Richard Branson, chairman of Virgin Atlantic, said he would go ahead with legal action. "Arbitration is not an option. This is simply not on," he added.

BA said it had made clear from the beginning that the proposed settlement was "not worth £9 million or anything like it". It offered to pay the costs of an arbitrator to decide Virgin's claims for commercial losses incurred as a result of the "dirty tricks", with which BA poached its rival's passengers.

Robert Ayling, group managing director, said: "British Airways has always declared its willingness to pay any legitimate claims Virgin may have. We hope Virgin will accept this simple, direct and obviously fair way of determining the legitimacy, if any, of its claims."

Mr Branson said: "Once again, at the last moment, BA have decided to move the goal posts. Very sadly, it seems inevitable that the only way this issue will be settled is for two British airlines to go to court. Why the directors of BA wish to play further games with British aviation is unclear, but no doubt they will come up with some explanation for their shareholders."



Branson: arbitration is not an option

The collapse of the negotiations was a blow to Mr Chataway, who had shuttled between the two sides for three weeks. Last night the CAA said it would play no further role in resolving the conflict. "We are disappointed that a deal has proved impossible over the question of the amount of compensation. We believed that considerable progress had been made and that agreement on all other terms of a settlement was close."

Although failure of the latest attempt at a settlement between Virgin and BA is unlikely to affect BA's £440 million rights issue, which closes on Friday, the threat of legal action on both sides of the Atlantic could undermine stock market perceptions of the company. Big awards to Virgin by the US courts could eventually be financially painful for BA, while prolonged, high-profile legal battles would be likely to generate more damaging publicity.

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trolley randomly and somewhat headlong between the shelves . . . Who was that, next to the bolognaise sauce? Ah, Roy Jenkins. She had piece of her mind for him — she'd written it down somewhere; now, where had she put the the page?

"May I have a word about the European Court?" And could someone tell her where the gravy granules were?

Casually she insulted all the members of the European Court. "Finally, the referendum . . . " Really? What about the oregano? But her list was at an end. The peroration, which was, as noted, typed, and she sat down again.

In the gallery her Commons disciples took notes, or gazed, dumbstruck in wonderment. Who cared *how* she had said what she had to say. The point was that *she* had said it. It was herself who had spoken. They had seen her themselves. They had been there.

MATTHEW PARRIS

Smith and unions face block vote war

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"Omov". Mr Smith has convinced his closest frontbench colleagues that he is determined to go through with them and some believe he would rather be defeated than back down. It was pointed out that the selection of Labour's European Parliament candidates was already going ahead under a one member, one vote system without any complaint from Mr Edmonds or any other union leader.

Labour cannot select candidates for the next election until the new method has been approved by the party conference, and Mr Smith and his colleagues will use the intervening months to try to persuade the unions that his reforms are designed to increase the number of trade unionists joining the party rather than go break the link with the unions.

Under Mr Smith's plan, trade unionists who pay the political levy would be offered cut-price party membership and be entitled to vote in all key party decisions.

One potential area for a deal being suggested within the shadow cabinet is for Mr Smith to shelve for a year his plans to cut the unions out of the Labour leadership elections.

Mr Edmonds also held out an olive branch, calling for Labour's review committee on the union link to be recalled with the aim of coming up with new proposals to put to the party executive and conference. He defended his position against his critics, however, saying: "We are not in favour of any policy that denies trade unionists a voice in party democracy." Other union leaders, who see little point in subjecting Mr Smith to a damaging conference defeat, are ready with a range of other possible solutions, principally based on balloting union members who pay the political levy.

That, they feel, would allow Mr Smith to claim legitimately that the franchise within the party had been widened to allow every individual Labour member and levy-paying supporter to make their personal choices in party elections.

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Victims assaulted in church, court told

Family accused of raping children in satanic rituals

BY KATE ALDERSON

SEVEN children were beaten and sexually abused in satanic rituals by adult members of their own family over a period of eleven years, a court was told yesterday.

The adults, said to have worn hoods, are accused of attacking the children in churches, often at Hallowe'en, after stripping them, tying them to chairs and terrifying them with knives.

One of the girls, now 13, was abused for eight years, the Old Bailey was told yesterday. Another of the victims is alleged to have been assaulted from the age of three.

Linda Stern QC, for the prosecution, said four girls and three boys were victims of repeated physical and sexual attacks by members of their large family, and others, over many years in west London. The seven were beaten into submission and one boy was held by his ankles from an open window to force him to agree to sex acts.

Two of the children tried to commit sucide to escape their torment, she said. A girl aged 11 took an overdose of pills and one boy, who was beaten so hard around the head that his hearing was still impaired, slashed his wrists with razor blades at the age of 13.

The need to protect the identity of the children means that the four defendants cannot be identified. A mother aged 29, her husband, 41, her father, 66, and an uncle, 35, all from Ealing, deny a total of 28 charges for alleged offences between 1978 and 1989 including rape, buggery, indecent assault, cruelty, and inciting an act of gross indencency.

The court was told that on one Hallowe'en a girl was tied naked to a chair in St Mary's church at Northolt, west London, threatened with knives and sexually abused by adults in black hoods and cloaks. The girl, who said that she was driven there by her father, uncle and grandfather, described it as the "devil church".

Miss Stern said: "The seven children were cowed into whatever sexual perversion was imposed upon them. Ill treatment, physical assault and neglect of their personel needs together with sexual abuse was the only way of life they knew."

Some of the children were forced to watch pornographic video films while being abused and in one such instance an eight-year-old girl was raped, Miss Stern said. "One of the girls told how her father got his ideas from watching rude films. The children were also made to watch. The ideas obtained from these films were enacted within the family."

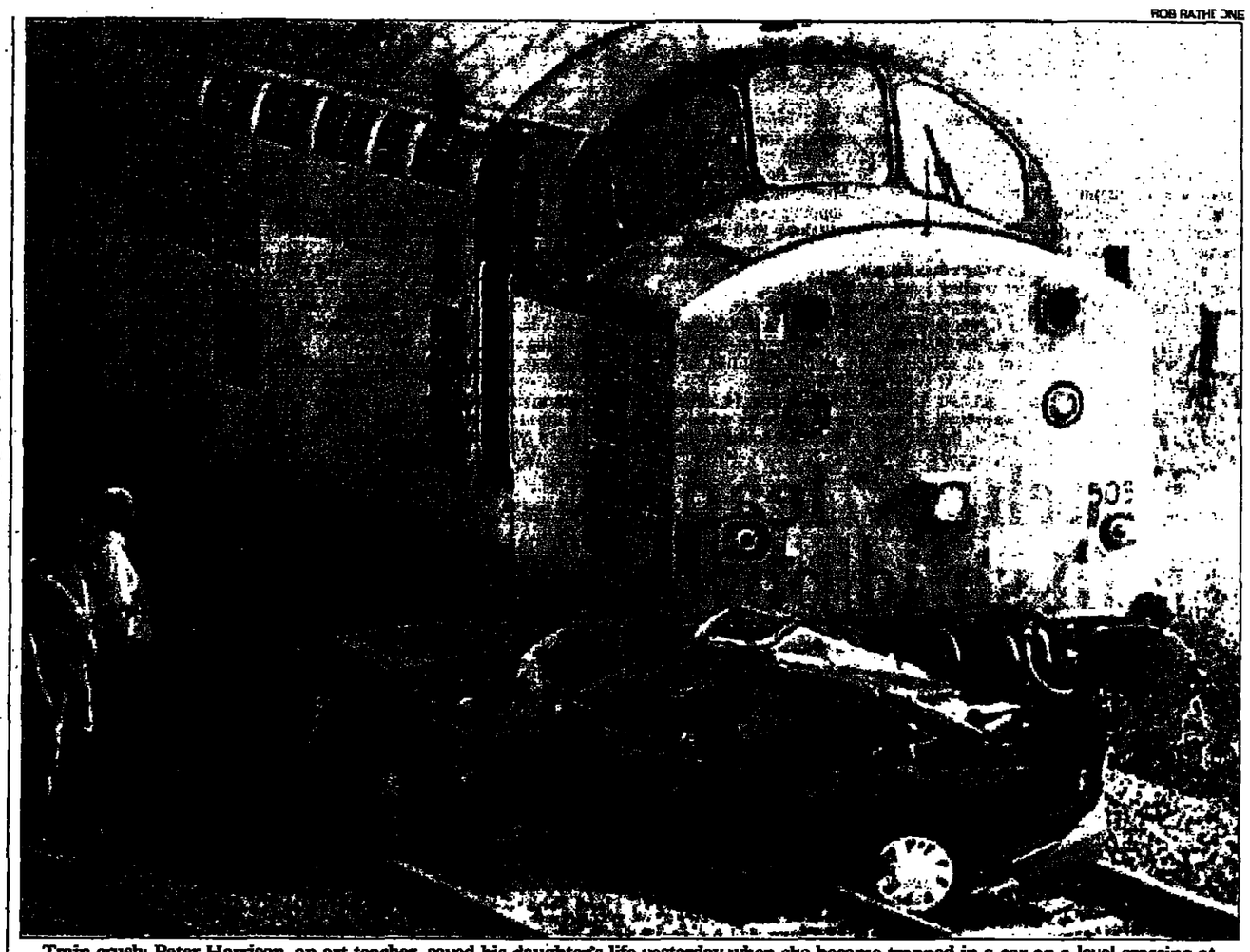
The mother of four of the children stood drunk and laughing during one showing of pornographic films, Miss Stern said. "On one occasion the mother went further. She lay on top of her daughter while she was naked."

The seven children are now aged between 13 and 21. The younger children will give evidence via a video link.

Miss Stern described one girl as "a cinderella" who was rarely allowed out until she was eight or nine. "She was made to do the household chores. She was sent out into the street to look for cigarette ends. Her mother stood by and did nothing as she was sexually abused by her father."

The trial continues today.

ROB RATHE ONE



Train crush: Peter Harrison, an art teacher, saved his daughter's life yesterday when she became trapped in a car on a level crossing at Collingham, Nottinghamshire, as a train came hurtling towards them. Rebecca, 16, had her leg wedged under the back seat of the car. He hauled her over the front seat seconds before the train crashed into their Astra Belmont, which was pushed a quarter of a mile down the track

Murder victim was 'perfect gentleman'

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE young Cambridge graduate shot as he watched television in his home in south London was described by a senior detective yesterday as a perfect gentleman who died for no apparent reason.

Martin Jacks, 23, died on Saturday in his flat in Putney when three masked men burst in at teatime. He was watching cricket on the television and his flatmate had gone shopping.

The three crashed into the flat and shot him once in the thigh with a shotgun. They fled in a car while Mr Jacks, a trainee accountant due to take his final examinations next month, bled to death within minutes. He was unable to move and could not reach a telephone to call for help.

Yesterday, as his father Brian Jacks, a project manager from Rugby, spoke of his anger and sadness at his son's death, Det Supt Chris Burke described Martin as "the perfect gentleman ... the ideal man any mother would like to see their daughter bring home".

Mr Burke said: "Every murder enquiry I have dealt with has been sad, but when a perfect gentleman is murdered in such a way it shocks us all. Hopefully it shocks people into coming forward to help us."

Mr Burke said police were mystified by the death and were checking a number of areas including the possibility of mistaken identity or a wrong address. Mr Jacks had lived on the ground floor in the centre of a housing estate for almost a year and police are checking past occupants. The estate includes a number of homes which have been sold and is regarded as quiet by police.

Mr Jacks had won a scholarship to Rugby, gone on to Cambridge and had begun work at one of the country's top accountancy companies. His father told a press conference: "I'm obviously very angry and sad."

Pollen count soars in heat

BY RICHARD DUCE

TWO more days of misery are predicted for hay fever sufferers while most of the country continues to bask in the sun.

The pollen count centre on the Isle of Wight yesterday recorded a reading of 551 grains of pollen per cubic metre of air. Anything more than 50 is considered high. Light winds and the warm weather at the weekend, which saw the highest temperature of the year so far recorded in London, are to blame for the high count.

Weather forecasters predict that the heatwave will continue today and tomorrow, before thunderstorms roll in from the Continent on Thursday.

Dr Jean Emberlin, head of the Pollen Research Unit at the University of North London, said yesterday that it was likely to be a long pollen season for hay fever victims — thought to include one in five of the population — although it would not be the most severe on record. "The season is likely to be over by the third week in July," she said. "It has been an excellent spring for grass-growing, warm and wet, and then with this lovely weather at the weekend the counts surged."

Dr Emberlin, a hay fever sufferer, said: "I would hate to say to people, 'Don't go out in such lovely weather.' They should adopt two simple courses of action. First, consult your doctor or pharmacist about one of many prescribed remedies. Second, avoid peak count times — in the early morning and the early evening."

Other victims of the heatwave were London zoo's rhinoceroses, Jos and Rosie, which had to be covered with moisturising cream to protect them from sunburn. In their native Africa they would normally be sheltered from sunlight by the bush.

The southbound carriageway of the M11 near Stansted airport, Essex, was closed after the road began to break up and lift in the heat.

Scotland and Northern Ireland missed out on the heatwave yesterday, with only average temperatures.

Salesman jailed over investment fraud

A FORMER market trader who became a £70,000-a-year investments salesman was jailed for three years yesterday for fraud that cost his employers about £1 million.

Douglas Peet, 51, who worked for Confederation Life Assurance, admitted 25 theft charges totalling £350,000. His downfall came when he started using some clients' money to pay off others whose investments were not as profitable as he had promised, Swansea Crown Court was told.

Peet, of Bryncoch, Neath, West Glamorgan, then began taking clients' money for himself. Police were alerted after a suspicious manager looked in an envelope on Peet's desk and found a personal bank statement that included large deposits, Tom Glanville Jones, for the prosecution, said.

By secretly juggling accounts, the salesman paid out about £250,000 but £100,000 remains unaccounted for and has not been traced.

John Rogers QC, for the defence, said that although £100,000 was missing, there was no suggestion Peet had enjoyed a lavish or luxurious lifestyle.

Judge Williams told him: "You put clients' investments in jeopardy and Confederation Life has been put to considerable outlay to make matters good — in the region of £1 million." Peet had been sacked from the firm in 1989.

Britain gets Brussels apology

BY TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

TWO and a half years after the event, the Belgian government has apologised for refusing to supply ammunition to Britain during the Gulf war.

Yesterday officials close to Léo Delcroix, the Belgian defence minister, were at a loss to explain why an apology was issued completely out of the blue during a visit to Malcolm Rifkind, the defence minister, last month. "It came as a bit of a surprise to everybody concerned," Pierre Delame, M Delcroix's spokesman, admitted.

"But I'm not sure you can say it took that long, because last year we still had the old government. It's been on the minister's mind for some time."

In another twist to a chapter that strained Belgian-British relations to their limits, M Delame added that Belgium would willingly sell the 90,000 artillery shells it had insisted on keeping. "We need the cash," he said.

Diplomatically, the Gulf war was something of a fiasco for Belgium. Guy Coeme, the defence minister at the time, said the shells could not be given to British troops because Belgium "gave absolute priority to a diplomatic solution" to the Gulf crisis.

But Wilfried Martens, then prime minister, and his government seemed to extend diplomacy to its limits. Shortly afterwards Walid Khaled, the self-styled "spokesman" for the terrorist Abu Nidal, was spotted wandering at ease in Brussel's famous Grande Place. In the ensuing furore two advisers to Mark Eyskens, the former foreign minister, resigned.

M Delame said the new Belgian government had changed its tune and was right behind its EC partners.

McDonald's arrives to defy Hampstead intelligentsia

BY NICHOLAS WATT

After a 13-year battle, McDonald's finally opened in Hampstead yesterday to loud criticism from the literati who have fought to keep the fast food restaurant away.

Local teenagers who have long been deprived of Big Macs and Chicken McNuggets in an area which is home to London's literary community, crammed into the new restaurant with delight.

Older residents lamented the opening. The actor Denis Quilley, describing himself as a bit of a fuddy duddy, said: "McDonald's is another symptom of the homogenisation and the slight vulgarity of Britain's high streets which has now sadly come to Hampstead.

"I have no objection to McDonald's elsewhere which, I admit, is a bit of a Nimby [not in my backyard] attitude. But Hampstead's special atmosphere is being eroded."

The novelist Margaret Drabble objected to the march of the McDonald's logo around the world. "I've just come back from Peking, which has a McDonald's, and it is so depressing to come back to the logo in Hampstead," she said. "It is so unnecessary because there is already so much fast food in Hampstead."

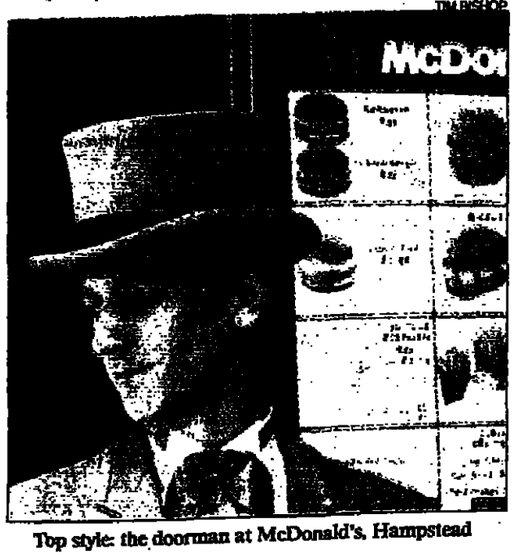
McDonald's yesterday dismissed the criticism and said it had gone to great lengths to blend in with Hampstead's distinctive atmosphere. The wooden border on the outside of the listed Victorian building is painted black and McDonald's commissioned paintings of Hampstead Heath for the interior.

Speaking inside the £900,000 restaurant Paul Preston, McDonald's UK president, said: "The opposition has come from a small vocal minority. The vast majority of the local people have been very positive."

The *Hampstead and Highgate Express*, which 13 years ago had led a campaign against McDonald's moving in, joined yesterday's promotion by selecting Ben Williamson, a seven-year-old local schoolboy, to open the restaurant.

Gerald Isaaman, the paper's editor, said: "That's market forces and, anyway, Ben's vegetarian."

TIM BISHOP

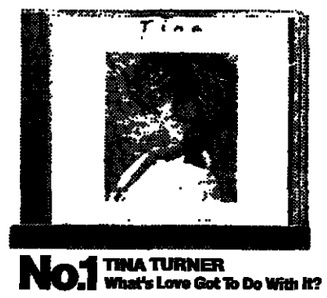


Top style: the doorman at McDonald's, Hampstead

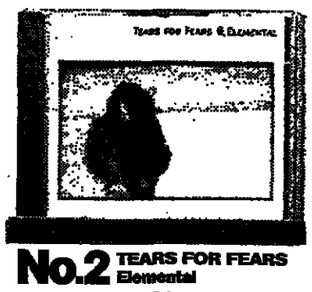
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A sticky start to new exams for the few who sat them

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION REPORTER

SHORT sleeves, radios murmuring the Test match latest and the stifling heat of classrooms in summer. In traditional style, the first compulsory tests for 14-year-olds arrived on a day when pupils yearned to be elsewhere.

Ruefully, Vanessa Barnsdale emerged from the 90-minute test of her reading comprehension, spelling and grammar. "It was unlucky," she said of the fact that hers was one of the tiny minority of schools where the tests went ahead unhindered by the teachers' boycott. "At first I was nervous in case I got the questions wrong, but the test was much easier than I thought and I got to the end." At least 165 of the 169 eligible pupils were in the examination hall yesterday afternoon at Bacon's Technology College in Rotherhithe, southeast London. Most grinned or feigned exhaustion by flopping over the desks when asked to put down their pens at the end of the first of ten mini-examinations in the core subjects of English, mathematics, science and technology.

Danielle Spinks, 13, said: "I was panicking before and didn't want to do them. But now I've done one, it's alright. My mum and dad just told me to do my best and it was OK."

Russell MacKenzie, 14, although envious of friends at other schools who did not face the ordeal, found his first serious examination had not been a disaster. "Some bits of the paper were really frustrating. In the end I got all but three questions, but it was hard work."

Vicky Lewis, 13, had to work hardest at the use of language section, which required pupils to choose one of four words to fill a gap in a sentence. Her overall verdict was favourable: "The tests are good because they give you a bit more preparation for your GCSEs. Now I know how quiet it will be and about the seating arrangements."

There was never much doubt that the tests would proceed at Bacon's. The education department paid 80 per cent of the £18 million bill to set up the school about two years ago. Staff were under no illusions that the government expected some return from its investment.

Bacon's finance ran out before air-conditioning was installed. With the temperature reaching 39C in science blocks yesterday afternoon, one cynic noted that a full set of test results on Mr Patten's desk might be the quickest means of securing the extra money.

Nicola Hutchinson, head of English, said: "If you come to work in a leading edge, £18 million new college, you expect to be doing new things. We knew these tests would be done and entered them wholeheartedly. I'm quite prepared to take part in developing tests, as long as I have the right to criticise."

She said the real test of the new system would come tomorrow with the controversial Shakespeare and literature anthology paper. "To my utter relief, today the presentation of the questions was far better than in the examples we were given originally."

Her main concern remains the increased marking required from teachers already burdened by the demands of GCSE and A level papers. "People are becoming weary and its no good for children if their teachers are exhausted."

At Archbishop Tenison's School, a grant-maintained comprehensive near the Oval cricket ground in south London, it was lessons as usual for the 90 pupils aged 14. Class 9/17 endured 55 minutes of personal and social education followed by French. Class 9/11 had design studies and science.

But this was only a temporary reprieve. Brian Jones, the head teacher, said the school would be setting its usual end-of-year exams at the end of the month. Boxes of the official papers are stacked, unopened, in a locked cupboard off the general office. Such is their volume, the deputy head had to take an overspill.

"We will treat it like all unsolicited mail," said Mr Jones. "Given the boycott, it was impossible to run the tests without dragooning a lot of supply teachers. I have to live with my staff after this is all over. The boys will not suffer and the parents will have a meaningful report on their progress."

Teachers' leaders hail solid boycott of English tests

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

■ As their boycott began, teachers said that scrapping next year's tests would be preferable to rushing out a revised version

GOVERNMENT examination advisers yesterday defended the English tests which launched the assessment programme for 14-year-olds, in the teeth of a boycott by teachers.

Few schools were taking part in the first of the tests yesterday, and a number of those bucking the trend did not intend to publish the results. Teacher unions claimed that their boycott was "99.9 per cent effective".

John Patten, the education secretary, who is publishing all this week's test papers in an attempt to win over parents, did not disguise the scale of the teachers' action. Mr Patten said: "It is a great pity to see the beginnings of improved testing in our schools being brought to a halt in this way by industrial action which should not happen in the classroom. And it is a great tragedy for children and schools that we have had this summer's problems."

Dr Nick Tait, an assistant secretary of the School Examinations and Assessment Council, which is responsible for the testing programme, said: "There is no such thing in this world as as a perfect test. One always learns from an operational exam and makes changes in the light of these. Life and tests and everything have an element of flaw in them, but these are no more flawed than any others."

Dr Tait added that it was too late to amend the ten-level scale used to measure pupils' progress in time for next year's tests. Sir Ron Dearing, who chairs the Schools Examination and Assessment Council and the National Curriculum Council, is due to deliver the preliminary conclusions of his review of the curriculum and testing next month.

The National Association of Teachers of English, which initiated the teachers' boycott, called for next year's tests to be scrapped, rather than a botched revision being risked in order to meet the government's timetable. The association argued that future assessment at 14 should be carried out by teachers, with tests used only for moderation.

Examination boards will not know until the end of the month how many schools took yesterday's tests. Up to 600,000 pupils at schools throughout England and Wales should have taken the 90-minute English paper in reading and writing, the first of at least ten tests scheduled over the next nine days.

The vast majority of schools abandoned the tests in the face of industrial action by the three biggest teachers' unions. In Dorset, for example, only Bournemouth School administered yesterday's test, and it does not intend to report the results to the education department. Most 14-year-olds in the county were taking internal tests, which contribute towards end-of-term reports.

In Buckinghamshire, the only school known to have agreed to take the tests could not do so at the planned time because the papers had not arrived. Leon Comprehensive School, in Milton Keynes, had been given permission to take the tests early because of space problems resulting from a clash with GCSE examinations, but the papers finally arrived more than two hours after the tests should have started and had to be taken later in classrooms.

Nigel de Gruchy, the general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said a telephone survey supported the union's claim that the boycott was 99.9 per cent effective. "Hardly a school is conducting the tests as the government wanted. The hopeless position of the secretary of state on the issue of this year's tests is another factor contributing to the air of gross incompetence which dogs Mr Major and his government."

Ann Taylor, Labour's education spokeswoman, said the solid support for the boycott proved parents, teachers and governors had lost confidence in Mr Patten. She attacked the education secretary for threatening to change the law to prevent teachers from boycotting future years' tests. "To threaten further changes in the law to remove the rights of teachers to use their professional judgment shows that the secretary of state is still intent on confrontation."

Don Foster, the Liberal Democrat education spokesman, said there was a national consensus that testing was vital but must be of benefit, and not harmful, to pupils' education. "The issue is not about the fundamental principle of testing and assessment, as Mr Patten well knows, it is about these particular tests," Mr Foster said.

The most concentrated support for the tests was in city technology colleges. At least ten colleges went ahead, although not all are expected to forward the results to the education department.

Independent schools were not required to implement the tests but some proceeded. Sister Andrew, headmistress of The Towers Covent, Upper Beeding, West Sussex, said the school was not implementing two of the English papers because teachers had said they had not been given enough time to prepare pupils.

BARRY GREENWOOD



Studied attention: pupils at Audenshaw High School, Manchester, begin tests

Questions pitched to pupils' ability

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THREE quite different papers faced the handful of 14-year-olds who took yesterday's English tests. Teachers put pupils in one of four ability groups, the lowest of which was not required to take timed tests.

The majority took a 90-minute paper in reading and writing pitched at the average level expected of a 14-year-old. The comprehension exercise is reproduced below.

Part 1: Reading Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow it in the spaces provided. You do not need to write in complete sentences.

The passage comes from a book about sailing round the coast of Britain on a boat called the *Gosfield Maid*.

The weather was breaking when I came to the Isle of Man. I'd sailed down from the Clyde through the straits between Ulster and the Mull of Galloway, to find every wave in the Irish Sea snarling and baring its teeth. A thin rain was falling and there was no land to be seen anywhere. *Gosfield Maid* slammed and jolted like a country bus on a bad road. I sailed up to where the Isle of Man should have been, and found just rain and lumpy sea and untidy rags of foam. The island was not where it was marked on the chart. I checked and rechecked my last bearings. Nothing seemed wrong. I hunted with binoculars for a lighthouse or a cliff or the white water of a coastal shoal, and drew a monotonous greeny-grey blank.

As islands nearly always do, the Isle of Man came up unexpectedly, in the wrong place. It was steaming straight past my bows like a rusty ship, and I half expected it to disappear again into the murk, flying a disreputable flag of convenience from its stern. I slid along its side where the water was calmer, grateful for the shelter it offered but not much impressed by the vessel itself. Only a very tired seagull would have brightened at the sight of its dank greenstone cliffs, the dripping ledges of bare rock, the heather looking like a black fungus in the rain. A castle came and went — but after Scotland I was tired of castles. Then a dismal holiday place with an empty beach and a line of boarding houses on a prom.

At the southern end of the island there was an islet which looked even sadder and rainier than its parent; and between Man and the Calf of Man there was a narrow channel, no wider than a city street, through which the tide was streaming like a millrace, the water humped and broken, piling against boulders, creaming white as it thundered through the Sound. What was oddest about this place, though, was that I could see the sea beyond and it was definitely lower than the sea on which I was afloat. Calf Sound was a hill of water, a chute through which one half of the Irish Sea was trying its hardest to fill up the other.

I had been bored before; the life of Man had struck me as being solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and mercifully, after only 15 miles of it, short. But this was one of the most unboring performances that I'd ever seen the sea put up. I called the Manx coastguard over the radio and described Calf Sound to him in all its glory.

"And it's safe to go *through* there?"

"Stick to the middle of the channel. Keep the beacon to starboard and Thousla Rock to port."

"It's all white water."

"You've got about 20 metres under you all the way through."

I fed the boat into the race with the engine growling underfoot.

1. In the first paragraph (lines 1-4) the writer uses the phrase "snarling and baring its teeth" to describe the sea. Give one other phrase used in the same paragraph to describe the condition of the sea. (1 mark)
2. The writer says that his boat was like "a country bus on a bad road" (lines 4-5). Why is this a suitable description? (2 marks)
3. What is the writer referring to when he states that "nothing seemed wrong" (lines 7-8)? (2 marks)
4. In the second paragraph, the writer says that the Isle of Man is like "a rusty ship" (line 11). Write out some words from the second paragraph where the writer continues the image of a ship. (1 mark)
5. Why does the writer think that "only a very tired seagull would have brightened" at the sight of the island (lines 14-15)? (2 marks)
6. What does the writer find most unusual about the sea beyond the Sound (lines 19-26)? (1 mark)
7. In view of his description of Calf Sound in the third and fourth paragraphs, what does the writer really mean when he says "in all its glory" (line 30)? (2 marks)
8. The word "*through*" is printed in italics (line 31). What does this tell us about the writer's thoughts at this point? (1 mark)
9. What are the writer's opinions of the Isle of Man in the second paragraph? Make three points. Write your answer in your own words. (3 marks)

Cure for broken spine 'inevitable'

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of accident victims condemned to life in a wheelchair have been given hope by doctors who say they will have the knowledge on which to base a cure for broken backs and necks by the end of the decade.

Scientists and doctors from the International Spinal Research Trust, a charity researching spinal cord injuries, believe they are close to discovering a way of regenerating spinal cords severed in accidents.

About 40,000 people in Britain have severe spinal injuries and many have been told they will be paralysed for life. Doctors now say that, because of big advances in molecular biology, there is strong hope that many will be able to recover some of their lost functions.

Dr Hans Frankel, the research trust's chairman and a senior consultant in spinal injuries at Stoke Mandeville Hospital in Buckinghamshire, emphasised that a cure was not just around the corner and that patients should not give up on physiotherapy. "We want and expect results before the end of the century and we are confident that by the year 2000 we could have the knowledge to repair a broken back or neck. Then it becomes a matter of transferring this knowledge from the laboratory to the hospital.

"In the present state of medical knowledge we are unable to repair damage to the nerve fibres in the spinal cord. The best we can do is to protect the cord from any further damage. I'm confident that eventually the problem will be overcome."

Simon Barnes, spokesman for the trust, said that the scientific community was convinced that a cure was not only possible, but inevitable. "The big problem with spinal cord injury is that, unlike skin, the spinal chord does not regenerate itself. Now though, with molecular biology techniques, it has been possible to discover why there is an inhibiting factor which stops this process. We could be talking about a treatment by the year 2000."

The spinal cord is a complex structure with over 500,000 nerve fibres, which when damaged are unable to pass messages from the brain to the body. One of the earliest observations of research scientists was that severed spinal cord nerve fibres try to regrow shortly after the initial damage occurs. The research now taking place is looking at factors which prevent regrowth and those that may encourage it.

Dr Frankel said that successful tests had been carried out on animals, regrowing spinal cords by about half a centimetre. Applying the techniques to humans would not be accomplished in the next three years, but could be done by the end of the decade.

Pride can help save nature

BY JAMES LANDALE

REGIONAL pride and local involvement are the keys to nature conservation in England, according to a report published this morning. There should be fewer grand projects laid down by the government and more "personal stewardship" from landowners and the general public to protect England's wildlife and natural features, it says.

English Nature, the government's adviser on nature conservation, says there should be greater use of England's 76 "natural areas", including smaller conservation areas such as national parks, sites of special scientific interest and environmentally sensitive areas.

Lord Cranbrook, chairman of English Nature, says people have "a strong sense of place" which identifies with areas where they live. "By their work with land or water, many people can benefit nature conservation in the course of their daily lives," he says, writing in the forward to *Strategy for the 1990s*.

Ian Dair, a spokesman for English Nature, said: "We want to involve people other than the usual scientists and ecologists."

□ Chris Smith, Labour's spokesman on environmental issues, was yesterday named green MP of the year by *Green Magazine*.

Stress and rising crime drive farmers to suicide

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY AND PAUL WILKINSON

FARMERS are committing suicide at twice the average national rate and an increasing number are seeking counselling to help them cope with the emotional stress of adapting to rapid rural change.

Their unhappiness is increased by a growing threat of robbery. Theft from farms more than doubled in the four years up to 1992, partly because police are scaling down their operations in rural areas.

Falling rural incomes over most of the past decade have sharpened worries over money, but loneliness and a steep decline in the public esteem in which they are held have depressed farmers even more, according to Nick Read, a senior technical adviser to the National Farmers' Union.

"People working on farms tend to feel isolated because there are so few of them compared to 30 or more years ago," he said. "Farms are no longer the centre of the local community, and very often rapport with the new people coming into the countryside has broken down."

A "farming friends" concept has now been adopted in more than a dozen English counties to supplement the more traditional helpline services. Tens of thousands of cards have been distributed giving with the telephone numbers of farmers and their wives prepared to offer advice and a sympathetic ear.

Malcolm Whitaker, a retired dairy farmer who owns 160 acres at Syde in Gloucestershire, was involved in setting up one of the first groups 18 months ago. Two farmers living within eight miles of him had committed suicide in the past six months.

"Over about a year, I and six other volunteers received 30 calls from farmers suffering serious emotional stress. That may not sound a lot but each was probably someone who felt he had no one else to turn to," he said. "If we stopped only one person from committing suicide that would be worth it."

Farmers are the fourth most suicide-prone of 160 occupation groups monitored by the Office for Population Censuses and Surveys between 1979 and 1990, with 526 killing themselves or dying from "undetermined causes" during the period.

Rural theft is aggravating farmers' troubles. Last year the National Farmers' Union reported thefts totalling £13.6 million, much of it machinery including a £60,000 combine harvester. Barn roofs have become a major target as they are often covered with old, well-preserved slates and tiles which are prized by builders and people restoring period properties. One recent victim was Sir Anthony Milbank, chairman of the Moorland Association, who lost the roof of his barn at his farm near Richmond, North Yorkshire.



Sir Anthony: thieves took the roof from his barn

The problem has led to calls for vigilante patrols. Julian Anderson, director-general of the Country Landowners' Association, said during a visit to northeast England yesterday: "We encourage our members to join local watch schemes because mass vigilance plays a vital role in helping to curb criminal activity.

Police concentration in urban areas meant that response times in some remote areas could be 90 minutes. Officers had even had to stop to ask their way. "By that time the villains are away scot free," he said.

"We would never advocate people having a go; these are professional criminals and it could end in tears. But there could come a time when a rural community will draw up a rota of people prepared to be on duty through the night, to keep in touch using mobile phones and to check suspicious people or vehicles."

Mr Anderson said his association wanted to see the return of village bobbies who had time to find out what was going on. "Local knowledge is invaluable. Country folk are very sharp, they know what's going on for miles around. It's no good having chaps on motorcycles who speed through, they just don't pick up information," he said.

Stray signals spark rheumatoid arthritis

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A DOCTOR whose ten-year-old daughter developed rheumatoid arthritis in her hands during a camping trip to Brittany instigated research that is leading to a new understanding of how the disease spreads through the body.

Professor David Blake, of the bone and joint research unit at the London Hospital, noticed that inflammation in one of his daughter's hands following an infection had passed within hours to the other hand. Subsequent investigation confirmed that the disease is symmetrical, affecting parallel joints at the same time or soon after one another.

Research at the unit has shown that when one joint is attacked by the disease it sends a signal via the nervous system to the other mirror image joint, within hours. This is designed to prepare the second joint to withstand attack.

"We now believe that in rheumatoid arthritis this system goes out of control," Professor Blake said. "The defence mechanism in the other joint fires off prematurely, causing inflammation and damage."

Pressure within the joints of arthritis sufferers is high, cutting the blood supply and leading to inflammation. Professor Blake said any drug effective against the inflammation in arthritis could have side-effects if it interfered with temporary inflammation, as in a boil, which is essential for healing. Research is focusing on getting drugs to work only in the affected joints.



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Britain's crumbling coastline

Scientists say sea defences do more harm than good

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

CLIFFS on Britain's east coast should be left to crumble into the sea to help save beaches and farmland elsewhere and to defend cities from flooding, many scientists claim.

Their argument follows the collapse into the sea of Holbeck Hall Hotel in Scarborough, North Yorkshire, which they believe was part of a process that is beneficial to the environment and should not be resisted by multi-million-pound coastal protection measures.

The scientists claim that sediment generated by crumbling cliffs is crucial in helping to build up salt marshes, mud banks, beaches and other natural sea defences that protect low-lying towns and cities from high tides and storm surges.

The Thames flood barrier at Woolwich, southeast London, built to protect the capital, has been operated three times since it was completed in 1982; it was expected to be used only once every 1,000 years. Researchers claim that the barrier may have to be used even more if man continues to withstand natural erosion processes by ringing cliffs and low-grade land with defences.

Dr Julian Orford, a coastal erosion scientist at Queen's University, Belfast, said yesterday it was time to recognise that the costs of protecting cliffs and poor-grade farmland was uneconomic and environmentally unsound. In East Anglia the bill for defending low-grade farmland could be up to £30,000 a hectare.

Dr Orford warned of the consequences of a flood for London: "It has been calculated that, if the Underground flooded, where there are no pumps, it would be unusable for a year and a half."

He said the government should draw up a list of strategic sites where defences would be deployed and a list of others where nature would be allowed to take its course. Sites to be defended under a managed retreat policy might include power stations and low-lying towns and cities such as Hull, King's Lynn and the capital.

Yesterday Sue Earle, a farmer's wife from Holderness, Humberside, visited Earl Howe, an agriculture minister, to complain that £2 million sea defences at Mappleton threaten to wash away her good-quality farmland. The defences were built to protect a village of 50 homes and a cliff, but have stopped sediment being washed 50 miles down the coast to bolster her area.

Dr John Pethick, a scientist at the institute of estuarine and coastal studies at Hull University, said: "The question is would it not have been better to pay the villagers compensation . . . we have got to look at these issues in the long term even if they are highly emotive."

☐ Geologists believe the landslip that destroyed the hotel in Scarborough has halted. Checks for movement are still being carried out, but families near by were told yesterday that their homes were not in immediate danger.

IAN WALDIE



Troubled times: police keeping watch on one of about 500 pickets who gathered outside the Timex factory in Dundee in the first big demonstration since sacked workers rejected the company's back-to-work package last week. The AEEU is holding a series of meetings with Timex this week to discuss a compromise agreement

Family tells of shark killing

BY A STAFF REPORTER

RELATIVES of a woman from Kent who was eaten by a shark off Tasmania said yesterday that they were in shock after hearing of the attack.

Therese Cartwright, 34, who had five children, including quadruplets, was attacked by a 15ft shark on Saturday as she swam in search of seals. It is thought that the two-ton white pointer shark mistook her black wetsuit for a seal.

Bettine Cartwright, her mother-in-law, from Canterbury, said: "Our son told us a few hours after it happened. I can't tell you how we felt being so far away and hearing something like this. They were a wonderful couple, and I can't believe Terri has gone. I am still in shock. It's just too terrible to think about."

Mrs Cartwright and her husband, Ian, had emigrated to Australia six years ago. He works as head of marine fishing at a marine college.

Mr Cartwright's father said: "Terri was a wonderful mother and a wonderful person. She was a trained midwife and nurse, and was about to take her nursing finals for what would be the equivalent of a master's degree."

Boy aged 2 killed in house fire

A boy aged two died after fire broke out at his home while his parents were in the garden.

Richard Matthews was pulled from a burning bed at the house in Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, on Sunday evening by an off-duty fireman who lives near by. The boy died before reaching hospital. His baby brother was rescued from another bedroom.

The fireman, Graham Rutter, 41, said: "The child's parents were out in the back garden and knew nothing about it."

Pair kidnapped

Two robbers kidnapped a 34-year-old nightclub worker and his girl friend from a house in Surrey and forced them to drive to Cheers, a club in Wimbledon, south London, where they stole more than £3,000 from the safe.

Asthma death

A girl aged 11 from Sedburgh, Cumbria, died after an asthma attack as an ambulance took her to Liverpool. Rowena Kliszat needed intensive care but hospitals at Lancaster, Preston and Manchester had no beds available.

Manx refusal

The Manx government says it will not set speed limits on the Isle of Man's rural roads despite the death this weekend of seven motorcyclists who were trying to emulate TT racers.

Classic camera

One of the first Leica cameras, made in 1925, is expected to fetch up to £18,000 at Christie's in London next month.

Power base

A pair of peregrine falcons are raising chicks in a box 200ft up a cooling tower at Willington power station, Derbyshire.

Extra £1bn 'could stop 10m deaths from Aids'

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

TEN million lives could be saved by the end of the century if developing countries were able to increase their health budgets by 1 per cent a year and spend the extra money on programmes for preventing Aids.

The figures, calculated by the World Health Organisation and the World Bank, emerged on the first day of the ninth International Aids Conference in Berlin.

Dr Michael Merson, director of the organisation's Aids programme, said an extra £1 billion to £2 billion a year was needed and the cash should be seen as an investment which could avert enormous future costs of lost productivity and increased health care.

The money was a vast sum but was a twentieth of the cost of waging the Gulf war and would hardly be sufficient to buy a bottle of Coca-Cola for everyone in the world, he said.

Dr Dean Jamieson of the World Bank said that, in spite of the rapid growth of Aids in the Third World, it was still a relatively infrequent cause of death. Aids caused one in every 235 deaths in developing countries, a tenth of the number killed by tuberculosis and a twentieth of those killed by heart disease.

It still made economic sense to spend money on Aids prevention because evidence showed that decisive early intervention could slow the epidemic, he said. Promotion of condoms, and schools programmes, were very effective.

New evidence has shown that Aids is spreading fastest among the young. As with other sexually transmitted diseases, young women are especially vulnerable and WHO estimates that about half of all HIV infections, about six million, were in people aged under 25.

Recycling paper can add to pollution

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

PEOPLE who take old newspapers and cardboard to municipal waste-paper banks may be doing more harm than good.

Recycling huge amounts of waste paper could generate more pollution than it saves, a new report claims. Big recycling projects may also lead to a decline in the health of Europe's forests as the incentives to manage and extend them falls. Forests take pollutants from the air, and their reduction could accelerate global warming.

The findings come from researchers at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, in Laxenburg, Austria. Professor Yrjo Virtanen, a Finnish energy technologist, and Professor Sten Nilsson, of the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry, have attempted to unravel the costs in pollution, raw materials and energy of large-scale paper recycling. The results indicate that large amounts of recycling generate 150 per cent more carbon dioxide than burning for electricity.

Using wood wastes to run pulping operations and burning waste paper both emit carbon dioxide. The researchers point out that both the wastes and the paper have come from forests, which remove carbon dioxide from the air, in effect cancelling out the emissions.

☐ *Environmental Impacts of Waste Paper Recycling* (Earthscan Publications, 120 Pentonville Road, London N1; £25)

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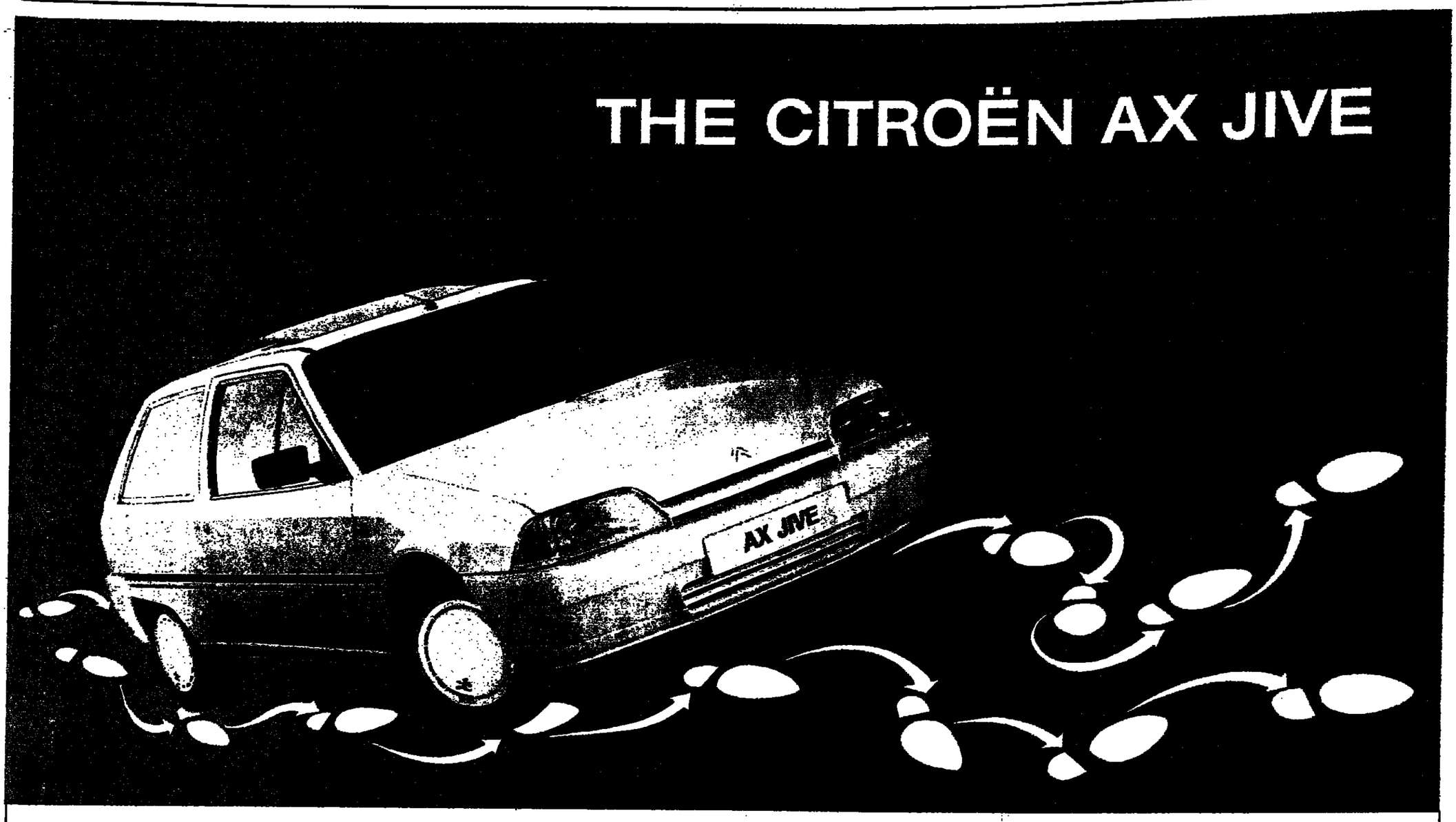
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The Times investigation finds products that are the subject of criminal charges are still on sale

Superstore chickens have only 75% meat

■ Evidence from visits to the supermarket backs trading standards officers' calls for clearer labelling of food

PACKAGED foods, including items that have been the subject of recent criminal charges, are readily available in leading supermarkets, *The Times* investigation into the food industry has discovered.

They include frozen chickens which we presumed were all chicken until we read the tiny label which said they contained only "75 per cent meat", a salmon pie containing only 13 per cent fish and crabsticks containing a minimum of 3 per cent crab.

The findings will add weight to demands from consumer bodies and trading standards officers for tighter controls on the industry and the clearer labelling of food. In *Which? way to Health*, published today, the Consumers' Association criticises some additives in food as "unnecessary" and "exposing people to risk".

Supermarket chains yesterday dismissed the claims and insisted that the food they sold was safe and acceptable. They said there were good reasons for some products to contain less meat and fish than might be expected.

Among the items bought in supermarkets by *The Times* yesterday were Kibun crab sticks, described as textured white fish, crab and crab flavour. Kibun, of Croydon, Surrey, was fined £1,000 with nearly £5,000 costs by Shrewsbury magistrates six weeks ago for providing false descriptions of the product, which contained 39 per cent water, starch and only 3 per cent crab. It has made some changes to the product since being charged but the sticks still contain only the same small amount of crab.

David Roberts, Shropshire's chief trading standards officer who brought the prosecution, said: "It was one of the clearest examples you could get of a food not being what it appears to be."

Shropshire has also brought charges against Birds Eye for describing pieces of southern fried chicken as "succulent chopped chicken breast" when it contained reformed meat and soya. The case will reach the Court of Appeal later this summer. The southern fried chicken was still on sale yesterday.

Sainsbury's self-basting frozen chicken, with a "southern" flavour, was described as containing only 75 per cent meat. The other ingredients were water, sunflower oil, salt, sugar, lactose, flavouring and hydrolised vegetable protein.

The chicken had been frozen by immersion, which adds water to the bird. A Sainsbury spokeswoman said that the fat injected under the skin to make the chicken self-basting would also reduce the amount of meat, as would essential flavourings.

A latticed pie, prominently labelled "salmon, broccoli and tarragon", and bearing a picture of a salmon steak, contained only a "minimum 13 per cent fish". Sainsbury said that salmon was the largest of many ingredients, that the company was always cautious with its descriptions and that the pie might well contain more fish than the label indicated.

English premium honey roast ham included 13 separate ingredients including antioxidants and polyphosphates. The most surprising discovery was that most tins of processed peas contained not a green colouring agent but tartrazine, a yellow colour associated with causing hyperactivity in children, and brilliant blue.

"Just think of the colouring you did as a child," Mr Roberts said. "Yellow and blue apparently make a more realistic green than any of the green colourings."

Dennis Cummings, Safeway's director of quality assurance, said: "So what? It's declared on the label and replaces what is lost during the canning process. I don't see anything wrong with that."

Diana Lamb, of Sainsbury, said: "We are happy with the way that our products are labelled, showing ingredients in descending order. We have been in business for 120 years and certainly do not mislead our customers."

TED BATH



Quality check: John Brain makes a routine visit to a Gloucester butcher's shop

Food police pound the consumer beat

BY TONY DAWE

JOHN Brain is one of a new breed of policemen. His job is to ensure that consumers are not cheated by shops and restaurants and that food they buy is what it is claimed to be.

Aged 32 and with a law degree, he is a senior trading standards officer in Gloucestershire — a member of Britain's "food police". He is one of the men who recently cracked the racket in which several firms sold "scampi" made from reformed prawn meat instead of the tails of *Dublin Bay prawns.*

Later this month he will be in court again, giving evidence against the Gateway supermarket chain which is accused of selling pasta said to be made from 100 per cent durum wheat when it allegedly contained ordinary wheat. Gateway denies the charges.

Today he will visit a village tea shop in the North Cotswolds. "*I am going at the* owner's request because she wants to know whether the tea cakes and scampi she sells are the genuine articles," he said.

Later in the day he will visit pubs as part of a three-month sampling programme: "I can carry out on-the-spot checks to see whether the Coca-Cola and branded *spirits they are* selling are genuine or cheap replacements.

"We even get examples of the beer not being what it claims. Some brewer may have offered a publican a large discount to buy his keg bitter or lager, which is then connected to a pump bearing a different brand name."

Tomorrow and Thursday, *Mr Brain will be checking* bakeries and butchers to ensure that products are labelled accurately, especially if they contain additives. "If I find anything wrong, I will leave an inspection report and then pay a return visit within a month," he said.

On Friday he will need a day in his office to catch up on administration, which will in*clude studying analysts'* reports on organic flour and dried fruit and deciding what to do abouta useless supplement sold to restore bodybuilders' energy after exercise.

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP



BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

TODAY'S game is a representative sample for the standard achieved in the Counties Championship.

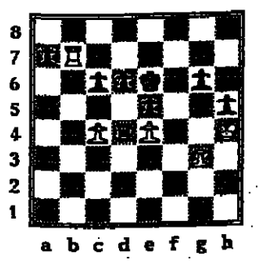
White: G Reynolds (Warks)
Black: O Oris (Middx)
U-175 Counties
Semi-Final 1993

English Opening

1	Nf3	Nf6
2	b3	g6
3	Bb2	Bg7
4	g3	0-0
5	Bg2	Nc6
6	0-0	d6
7	d3	e5
8	c4	h6
9	Nc3	Be6
10	a3	Qd7
11	Re1	Rae8
12	Qc2	Bh3
13	Bh1	Ng4
14	b4	Nd8
15	Qa4	Qxa4
16	Nxa4	c6
17	Nc3	f5
18	e4	f4
19	Bg2	Bxg2
20	Kxg2	bg3
21	hxg3	Rf7
22	Ng1	Rxf2+
23	Kh3	h5
24	Re2	Rxe2
25	Ngxe2	Rf8
26	Nd1	Nf2+
27	Nxf2	Rxf2
28	Re1	Ne6
29	Bc1	Bf6
30	Be3	Ng5+
31	Bxg5	Bxg5
32	Ng1	Ra2
33	Nf3	Bf6
34	b5	Rxa3
35	bxc6	bxc6
36	Rb1	Rxd3
37	Rb8+	Kf7
38	Rb7+	Ke6
39	Nh4	Bxh4
40	Kxh4	Rd4

White resigns

Diagram of final position



a b c d e f g h

County results:
Open: Kent 10 Gt. Manchester 6: Essex 9 Hampshire 7
U-175: Gt Manchester 10½ Lancashire 5½: Middlesex 9½ Warwickshire 6½
U-150: Middlesex 11 Hampshire 5: Cambridgeshire 8½ Notts 7½
U-125: The finalists are Lancashire and Hertfordshire.
Minor Counties: The finalists are Bedfordshire and Oxfordshire.

Number crunching

Computer programmers believe that they will be able to devise a programme which can beat Garry Kasparov, but only when their machines can calculate at the astronomical rate of 1 billion (1,000,000,000) moves per second.

This speed of calculation is not yet technically feasible, even for a modern supercomputer.

An Arabic legend relates the story of the doubling of *squares to show the* astounding numbers associated with chess. The legend goes that the inventor of chess, when asked to name his reward by a grateful monarch, asked merely for a quantity of grain - one grain of corn for the first square on the chessboard, two for the second, four for the third and so on, doubling each time.

The emperor readily agreed, only to discover to his astonishment that the final quantity was unimaginably large. The number of grains on the last square would be 2^{63} and the total 2^{64}-1.

This number equates to around 18 followed by 18 zeros — payment of which even in grains of corn would be enough to bankrupt several empires!

A grandmaster game is classed as a 'miniature' if it lasts only 25 moves or less.

If one decided to print out every possible game of chess of this nature, in books the size of, and with the same typefaces as, the London telephone directories, you would have to cover the surface of the earth totally and then work outwards, filling all available space, to a distance in every direction equal to that from the earth to the farthest known galaxy, not once but 10^{120} times, that is 10 followed by 19 zeros.

Championship Update

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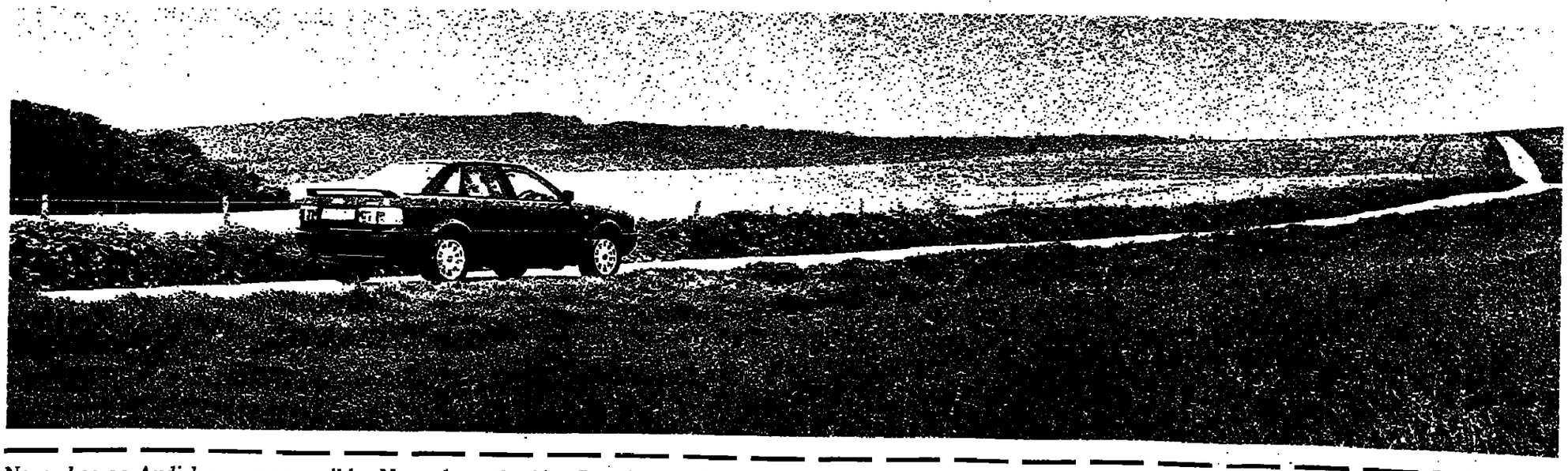
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Europe keeps the factions in business

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Fresh Start group of Conservative Euro-dissidents is following a well-trodden path in forming itself into a permanent body to campaign for a new right-wing policy agenda inside the Tory party.

Over the past 30 years a host of such factions have been formed, most of which have fallen by the wayside.

Who now remembers Conservative Centre Forward? In the summer of 1985 it was the talk of Westminster. Then, as now, a Tory prime minister was on the rack. The party trailed third in the polls, a question mark hung over the leadership and backbenchers were openly criticising the government for prolonging the recession with misguided economic policies. The driving force behind that last gasp of the wets was Francis Pym, the foreign secretary sacked by Margaret Thatcher after the 1983 election for warning during the campaign of the dangers of a landslide victory.

The launch of CCF was botched with members of the ten-strong steering group such as Jerry Hayes, MP for Harlow, resigning in protest at the vehemence of Mr Pym's assault on Mrs Thatcher.

An equivalent right-wing grouping, Conservative Way Forward, suffered much the same fate. Launched in early 1991 by Cecil Parkinson and Norman Tebbit in the hope of advancing the Thatcherite flame in the absence of the former leader, it failed to make an impression.

Fresh Start may well suffer a similar fate, although this group of 28 Tory opponents of the Maastricht treaty has been welded into a tight-knit group by the heat of the battle against the whips. Its weakness is that it is widely regarded as a collection of mavericks and that some of its members cannot be counted among the right of the party. Size is another factor. Once a group is too big it can lack the coherence and unity of purpose to make an impact.

To review the success or failure of such groups to shift the political centre of gravity is perhaps a mistake. Recent history suggests that the rise and fall of such bodies is more a symptom of the mood among Tory backbenchers than a signpost to the future.

The 92 Group, the best established of the right-wing Tory battalions, was born out of the turmoil over Rhodesia in the late 1960s. More recently, the feuding over Europe has spawned factions ranging from the Bruges Group on the Euro-sceptic wing to the Positive Europeans on the other side.

Most of the groups formed to campaign on a single issue, such as the Monday Club, have faded with inevitable changes in the political landscape. However, the 92 Group, which is opposed by the leftish Lollards in annual tussles for control of backbench committees, has managed to move with the times, and the enduring nature of the European argument should keep the Maastricht factions in business for years.

The right of the party has been marginally more active than the left in organising backbenchers, although the Tory penchant for dining clubs and loose associations means that many groups are informal affairs, liable to become moribund without a charismatic leader and lacking the Labour left's devotion to the rule-book. Some groups either start out or become vehicles for personal advancement. Many of the bright young Thatcherites who formed the No Turning Back Group in 1983 are now in government. But the Standard Bearers, a group of ten ambitious members of the 1992 intake, have yet to reach the first rung of the ladder.



MICHAEL POWELL

Poster power: William Cash, left, the Tory MP for Stafford, and Sir Teddy Taylor, the MP for Southend East, launch a national advertising drive for the Maastricht Referendum Campaign

Maastricht debate: peers warned of drift towards an EC superstate

Thatcher leads Lords Euro-sceptic campaign in demanding British referendum on treaty

BY SHEILA GUNN AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

■ The government is forced to look for support on the opposition benches as Lady Thatcher leads the Tory sceptics into battle at the start of a two-day debate on Maastricht

BARONESS Thatcher clearly exposed the rift with her successor, John Major, by declaring yesterday that she could never have signed the Maastricht treaty. Refusal to hold a referendum would be disgraceful, she said.

As the battle over the ratification bill moves to the Lords, the former prime minister led the Euro-sceptics in setting out their objections to the bill and demanding a referendum. She accused the Commission, and the European Court, of subverting the will of nation states by acting in favour of closer European union.

In an emotional defence of her support for the Single European Act in 1986, Lady Thatcher said the Commission had reneged on assurances that the act would not lead to over-regulation. "Our good faith in the Commission was not justified."

At the start of the two-day debate on the bill, **Viscount Tonypandy**, the former Commons' Speaker, broke his silence to side with Lady Thatcher. The sovereignty of the United Kingdom was at stake, he said.

The government had to look for support on the opposite benches where two former EC commissioners, **Lord Richard**, Labour's leader in the Lords, and **Lord Jenkins of Hillhead**, leader of the Liberal Democrat peers, called for early ratification without a referendum.

Watched by a group of EC-sceptic MPs, Lady Thatcher said: "The voluntary alliance of 12 nations is being gradually turned into a new political entity, a European superstate, and I doubt very much whether the people realise what is happening. I believe that to hand over the people's parliamentary rights on the scale of the Maastricht treaty without the consent of the people in a referendum would be to betray the trust they have placed in us as guardians of the parliamentary institutions and of the courts."

Defending her previous derision of referendums, Lady Thatcher said she also agreed with Attlee's argument in favour when they were the only way of putting a single constitutional issue to the public.

"What we are debating now is whether we go forward with the Maastricht treaty. I agree with the fundamental underlying assumption of what Viscount Tonypandy said that it takes us over the top to a new political entity, a European superstate, which we have never had before."

If the treaty was not ratified, Britain remained signed up to the Treaty of Rome and the Single European Act. It did not matter where peers sat or which party they supported, what was at stake was the country's future. Some had argued about a slow train or a fast train towards European union. "I suggest we do not want to go forward on that train," she said.

Lady Thatcher also sought to justify her support for the Single European Act because of the need to extend majority voting on certain limited issues to bring about a genuine common market. But unanimity remained on matters dealing with taxes, free movement of people and the interests of workers. Geoffrey (now Lord) Howe gave those assurances; and Linda (now Baroness) Chalker had given even further.

"We believed that the Commission would honour those assurances. They did not.

"We believed they would not pile on regulations. They did pile on extra regulation. Our good faith in the Commisssion was not justified. It is written on my heart."

She denounced the Maastricht treaty for allowing for 110 new occasions when decisions could be made by majority voting, including some decisions on economic and monetary policy.

Lady Thatcher also criticised the European Court for upholding the Commission against nation states in its rulings. Only three of the 13 judges had judicial experience, she said. Although all had legal qualifications, some had been ministers or civil servants.

The court's methods of interpreting law were totally different from those of Britain — "nothing like so exact or so good" — and the ultimate aim of European integration informed all its rulings. "They are busy reinterpreting so many things to give themselves and the Community power at our expense," she said. "What was tolerable in a few cases is not bearable on the scale it is happening now and it will accelerate under the massive opportunities provided by Maastricht.

"This undermines the basis on which we require people to obey the law. Namely that it is either consecrated by time and custom or it has been made with the assent of the people's elected representatives."

Britain, with ancient traditions, had far more to lose than other European nations, some of which did not obey the EC laws in any case. Article 8



Wakeham: opposed to treaty referendum

of the treaty created a citizenship of Europe which could cause a conflict between allegiance to Britain and allegiance to the new Europe with all the attributes of a sovereign state.

On a referendum, she said that Denmark had been "bullied" out of its first referendum decision. In the Commons, fewer than half of the MPs had actually supported the bill. "No elector in this country has been able to vote against Maastricht. It has been impossible to do so. When one looks at the extent of the powers that are being handed over, it is disgraceful if we deny them that opportunity."

Opening the debate **Lord Wakeham**, Leader of the Lords, warned peers that a referendum would "undermine parliamentary democracy". He said that there could be argument for a referendum on other equally important issues, such as the death penalty, the role of the Church of England or even the role of the House of Lords.

"Those who find the arguments [for a referendum] attractive in this case might, I suggest, inadvertently contribute to undermining the very system of parliamentary democracy which is their professed aim to protect."

Lord Wakeham pre-empted debate on Britain's opt-out from social chapter provisions by strenuously defending the decision not to agree to the protocol laying down working practices. "We believe that, far from helping workers' rights, the social chapter would endanger their jobs." The government would challenge in the courts a draft directive to impose a 48-hour working week on Britain, Lord Wakeham said, insisting that such practices should be left to individual member states.

In anticipation of peers predicting a more centralised, federal Europe, Lord Wakeham added: "Today's European agenda is not about federalism. It is about making Europe competitive, securing the Gatt agreement [on world trade], stimulating growth in jobs and building up a single market."

Lord Richard dismissed Lord Wakeham's opening speech as negative, saying that it again showed the government's uncertainty over Europe. The government had wasted an opportunity, immediately after the Maastricht treaty was first agreed in 1991, to use its large Commons majority to ensure swift ratification. Instead, it had been forced into an "extraordinary" situation in which it had to depend on the vote of the Danish electorate before it could progress further.

The result of this "litany of misjudgment is that the UK position has been further eroded." The government had "wriggled and turned" in attempting to save party unity over Maaatricht.

Lord Richard also repeated Labour's opposition to a referendum, voicing concern about the consitutional effects of peers defying the Commons, which voted heavily against a poll. "For the Lords, unelected as it is, to defy the considered view of the elected chamber and insist on a referendum, when that was rejected by an overwhelming majority in the Commons, would produce constitutional friction of considerable significance. We would be very unwise to embark on that course."

Although Labour accepted that there were disadvantages in the Maastricht treaty, it had to be generally welcomed. The reason that the party had abstained from the Commons third reading vote was because of the government's "myopic refusal" to accept the social chapter. The opt-out had "damaged Britain's interests and left the UK dangerously isolated." Britain had been given "a lower status and fewer rights than our neighbours" and had "very much to lose and very little to gain" through its opposition.

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, the Liberal Democrat leader in the Lords, warned pro-referendum Tory peers of the dangers of a pre-referendum campaign. The split in the Labour party which preceded the 1975 referendum on Europe had led partly, he said, to the formation of the breakaway Social Democatic Party, of which he was a founder.

The former European Commissioner followed with a lengthy analysis of Lady Thatcher's referendum stance, which he said was "mystifying". He accused the former prime minister of piloting through Parliament the Single European Act, which was more of "a technical invasion of sovereignty" than Maastricht. "Not only was she responsible for Britain's adherence to the Single European Act, but she pushed it through the Commons with the strongest of whips and allowed no fumbling delay such as the present government has. There was no filibustering because she simply guillotined it.

"But its ratification is now essential if Europe is to conduct a reappraisal of its future in an atmosphere of common purpose rather than mutual suspicion and if Britain is not being reviled within it. Let's get on with it, and get on quickly, for we have been dithering for too long."

Viscount Tonypandy who was unable to air his views on European while he was Commons Speaker, firmly supported a Maastricht referendum. "I believe the sovereignty of our country is at stake. Power, under Maastricht, is to be transferred from the elected representatives of our people to Europe, where we will be a tiny minority." The former Labour MP, who sits on the independent benches, added: "Because we are deciding for those who are yet unborn, let the people as a whole decide. Britain wants a referendum and she deserves it."

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: health; prime minister. Northern Ireland orders. Crossrail bill.

Lords (2.30): European Communities (amendment) bill, second reading, second day.

Major backs Mates over 'eccentric' gift to Nadir

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT



Nadir: fled to Cyprus after collapse of his company

JOHN Major was last night standing by Michael Mates, the Northern Ireland minister caught up in the Asil Nadir affair. Downing Street officials said Mr Mates's resignation had neither been sought nor offered in connection with Mr Nadir, who jumped £3.5 million bail while facing 13 charges of theft and false accounting over the collapse of his Polly Peck Group.

At the same time, Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, insisted that he had done nothing wrong in taking up Mr Nadir's case with Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-general. Speaking for the first time about his involvement, Mr Heseltine said the case had been raised with him over lunch by Christopher Morgan, a friend and a public relations adviser to the Polly Peck chief. Out of "loyalty" to Sir Nicholas, he had passed on to him Mr Morgan's concerns about the way the Serious Fraud Office was handling the case.

"My own view is absolutely clear — that what I did was right and if I had done anything less it would have been wrong," Mr Heseltine said on BBC radio. Had he not spoken to Sir Nicholas and subsequent events had shown there was cause for concern, he could have placed the Attorney-general in an invidious position, he said.

Mr Mates gave Mr Nadir a watch as a birthday present only days before the businessman fled to northern Cyprus, and interceded three times on his behalf with the Attorney-general. The minister, who has described his gift as "light-hearted gesture", was seen yesterday at Westminster seeking to reassure Tory MPs over his links with Mr Nadir. His friends said that he was getting "staunch" support from Downing Street and that he recognised that his present inscribed "Don't let the buggers get you down" was an eccentric act.

Robin Cook, the shadow trade secretary, said that on Sunday Mr Morgan had said he had had nothing to do with Mr Heseltine over Mr Nadir. "Clearly, one of them did not think the lunch was entirely above board." Mr Cook added that Mr Heseltine had the power to start proceedings to have Mr Nadir declared unfit to be a company director. He was surprised the trade president had had acted as a conduit for Mr Nadir's PR consultant.

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Catalans wait for call from González

The Spanish Socialists have lost their absolute majority in the Cortes. Felipe González must now recruit the support of regional parties to gain a working majority

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

THE three main regional parties in Spain were waiting yesterday for a call asking them to back Felipe González for a fourth successive term as prime minister after his Socialists won Sunday's general election but lost their absolute parliamentary majority.

Jordi Pujol, 63, the Catalan president, who controls the most nationalist seats in the Cortes, said after the election that his Convergence and Union party had become "a decisive power that will most likely be necessary". But he said he was in no hurry: "The Socialists ought to take the initiative." Unlike Miquel Roca, 53, the party's ambitious secretary-general, who leads the party in the congress of deputies, he is against a coalition, and would prefer to exchange support for concessions without paying the political price of compromise with the central government.

The results showed that Señor González had overcome the apparently unhappy mood of the electorate, proved opinion polls wrong and defied the Western European trend against social democratic governments. José María Aznar, 40, the Popular party president, failed to measure up as a national leader or to offer constructive policies to combat the Socialists' catalogue of disasters.

Señor González's divided party increased its share of the votes by 800,000. But in the second highest turnout (77 per cent) since the first democratic elections in 1977, the Socialists lost 18 seats and now have 159 in the 350-seat congress.

Without forming a formal coalition, Señor González should be able to obtain a working majority by counting on another 26 other seats won by his traditional parliamentary allies, the nationalist parties in Catalonia (17 seats), the Basque region (five) and the Canary Islands (four). The communist-led United Left (18 seats) has so far refused to consider any pacts.

The disappointed Popular party, the main conservative opposition to the Socialists, had to be content with gaining 2.7 million more votes than in the last election, in 1989, and 34 more seats to give them 141.

Andalusian charm sees Socialists home

BY CHARLES BREMNER



Close call: Señor González embracing a supporter in Madrid early yesterday after the Socialist party's narrow general election win

THE words "personal triumph" resounded across Spain and beyond the Pyrenees yesterday as the world took stock of the singular feat of Felipe González. Both friends and foes agreed that the Socialist party's survival in Sunday's elections was due to the grace and staying power of the Andalusian charmer who has run Spain for the past 11 years.

"Felipe González is one of those politicians who come once in the lifetime of a nation," said *El Mundo*, the newspaper which has campaigned relentlessly to expose abuses in the González administration.

In France, where a similarly battered and long-serving Socialist team has just been brutally ejected from office, the envy was palpable. Pierre Mauroy, the former prime minister and present head of the Socialist International, marvelled at Señor González's "ability to embody progress and hope in the future" while presiding over a government wallowing in the economic dumps.

Shell-shocked by their own massacre, the party of President Mitterrand seized on Señor González's victory over the centre-right Popular party to argue that social democracy is not finished. However, conservatives around Europe put the Socialist victory down to the special "Felipe factor" and the lingering qualms over right-wing government in Spain's young democracy.

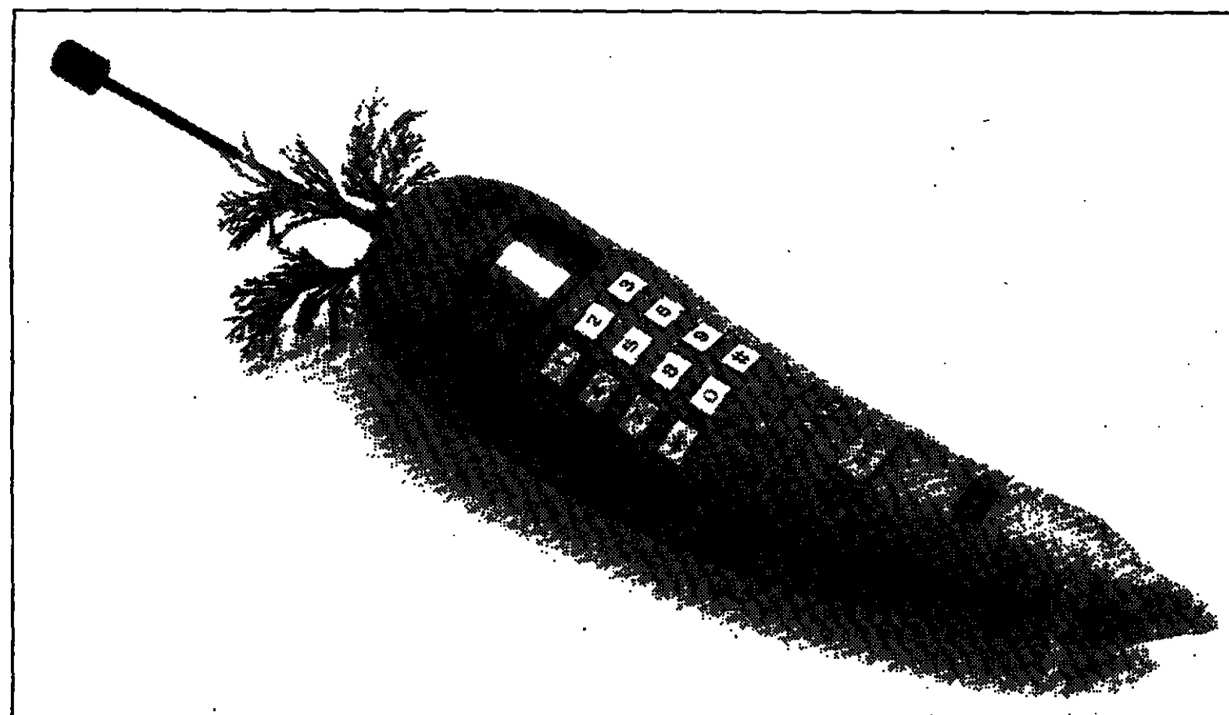
It was Señor González's comeback over the last week of the campaign that most visibly convinced enough undecided voters to stick with the devil they knew and give the edge to his battered team. José María Aznar, the awkward young leader of the Popular party, was simply outclassed as he tried to fend off Señor González's onslaught on the party's links with the sinister old right of Franco.

A glimpse of each leader at their final rallies in bull-rings and sports stadiums around the country showed them to be as unmatched as Thatcher versus Kinnock or Reagan versus Mondale at the height of the 1980s. Several Spanish commentators yesterday invoked the "Kinnock factor" to explain the Popular party defeat. At one gathering in La Coruña last Wednesday, Señor González, still boyish at 51, brought tears to the eyes of hundreds of young voters with his memories of life on the run from Franco's police. The best Señor Aznar could manage was a catalogue of the Socialist party's sins. Beyond personalities, the biggest factor in the Popular party's failure to knock out the Socialists was Señor Aznar's inability to state what he would do to repair the blighted economy and ease unemployment which, at 22 per cent, is the highest in the European Community.

However, there was also a feeling in Spain yesterday that the prime minister had used up his credit and the age of "Felipismo" had run its course. "It was an emotional vote," said a university teacher in Barcelona. "He will have to be very careful because he will not get it again."

The narrow victory was a signal which Señor González, who is now seeking alliance with the Catalan nationalists, said he had taken to heart. "I want all citizens to know that I understand their message clearly: that I know the triumph should be taken precisely as a message for change," he said.

It remains to be seen whether the charm of "Felipismo" will be enough to save him from the opposition of the voters who returned him to office. As he once said: "The truth in politics is that you never manage to finish anything."



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Italians reject centre to vote for extremists

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

ITALY'S traditional political parties suffered another ignominious defeat yesterday as the devolutionist Lombardy League and other radical protest groupings swept to victory in local elections.

In Milan, Marco Formentini, the league's candidate for mayor, defied predictions and trounced Nando Dalla Chiesa, his left-wing rival. With 38 per cent of the vote to Signor Dalla Chiesa's 30, Signor Formentini looked certain to win the June 30 runoff. The Christian Democrats and Socialists, who ran the city before its corruption scandal erupted in February last year, polled only 10 per cent support.

The federalist movement surpassed the expectations of Umberto Bossi, the fiery league leader, who did not run for the Milan mayoral post for fear of defeat by Signor Dalla Chiesa, a popular member of La Rete (Network), the anti-Mafia party. Signor Bossi called for an early general election, saying: "Now only the league has the right to represent and govern Italy."

With most ballots counted, overall results for the local elections gave the league 16.9 per cent, just behind the Christian Democrats with 17.8 per cent and ahead of the former Communist Democratic Party of the Left (PDS) with 12 per cent. The Socialists slumped to 3.6 per cent.

The league campaigned on a platform calling for an end to northern taxpayers having to subsidise the corrupt and inefficient south and the "robber" governments of Rome. Signor Formentini denies allegations of racism, but his programme includes plans to close Milanese hostels for foreign and southern migrants.

In Turin, the car-manufacturing capital badly hit by the recession, the league was the largest party in the vote for the council, although Domenico Comino, its candidate for mayor, was defeated by two left-wingers. They were Diego Novelli, a former Marxist mayor of the city and La Rete politician, who took 36 per cent of the vote, and Valentino Castellani, of the PDS, who won 20 per cent.

In fact, the PDS was the only mainstream party to hold its own in the voting because it has remained relatively unscathed by the "Clean Hands" corruption enquiry that has implicated more than 2,000 businessmen, politicians and officials. The hardline Marxist rival of the PDS, the Communist Refoundation, also made gains, and pundits described the election as a victory for extremists and a defeat for the centre.



Bossi: now demanding a general election

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rebel surge threatens BP deal

London: Panekh Huseinov, the prime minister of Azerbaijan, offered to resign yesterday after rebel troops captured the main town in the country's oil-producing region and issued a warrant for the arrest of President Abulfaz Elchibey (Michael Binyon writes).

The capture of Gyandzha, the second-largest town in the transcaucasian republic, could endanger a huge contract Azerbaijan has just negotiated with BP for the exploration of two big oil fields, and the pending agreement on oil production.

The contract is one of the largest ever signed by a Western company with a former Soviet republic. President Elchibey is scheduled to make an official visit to Britain later this month, his first to a West European country.

Talks agreed

Kiev: America and Ukraine agreed to discuss a proposal to dismantle and at least temporarily store Soviet nuclear weapons on Ukrainian territory after a visit by Les Aspin, the US defence secretary. *(Reuter)*

Whale backing

Oslo: Sweden has backed Norway's decision to resume limited commercial whaling in defiance of an international moratorium, saying that minke whales were not a threatened species. *(Reuter)*

Priest is ill

Rouen: Abbé Pierre, 80, the diminutive French priest who has made it his life's work to fight for the homeless, is recovering from acute pneumonia in a hospital cardiac intensive care unit. *(AFP)*

Bonn seeks to reassure Turks with crackdown on neo-Nazis

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE German authorities are preparing to strike hard against a number of right-wing groups in an effort to show that Bonn is not standing aloof from neo-Nazi arson attacks.

Informed sources said yesterday that police and legal authorities were working out ways of curbing the activities of the German People's Union, one of the largest of the legal right-wing groups in the country. One of the four youths arrested for murdering Turks in Solingen was said by the Federal Prosecutor's Office yesterday to be a card-carrying member of the party.

That alone is not enough to ban the GPU under German law and some within the police establishment, such as Eckart Werthebach, the national counter-espionage service chief, argue that outlawing the group would have little practical value. "Observation of this party is simpler, that is what 14 years of experience teaches us," he said.

Three far-right parties have been banned throughout Germany, and a fourth is outlawed in Lower Saxony. There is strong political pressure on police, however, to call in the party leaders for questioning, to raid clubs in the Ruhr district frequented by neo-Nazis and to confiscate any literature designed to stir up anti-Turkish sentiment.

Dr Werthebach is also urging the government to extend police authority to tap telephone conversations made by right-wing radicals. The police seem to believe that the biggest danger comes not from legally registered far-right parties, but from the web of underground neo-Nazi groups that have sprung up in areas populated by Turks. However, it seems unlikely that tougher police action will rein in the present violence.

At best, the crackdown would reassure Turkey that the German government is not completely paralysed by events on the streets. All week Turks and other foreigners have been lodging applications for firearms licences. Turks have also started to launch revenge attacks. Four young Turks set fire early yesterday morning to the offices of the Christian Social Union party in Aschaffenburg. They were arrested after a car chase through the backstreets of the south German city.

Meanwhile neo-Nazi arson assaults continue. Early yesterday morning, two houses occupied by foreigners in Soest and Bergisch Gladbach were set alight. No injuries were reported.

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With Bosnian battles raging, jailed Belgrade opposition leader urges men to stay off the streets

Muslims win Travnik as Croat stand collapses

BY ADAM LEBOR IN BELGRADE, BILL FROST, AND MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

PLUMES of black smoke billowed over the outskirts of Travnik yesterday, signalling the collapse of a last stand by Croat fighters vastly outnumbered by encircling Muslim forces.

Buildings burnt out of control and the crack of sniper fire was interspersed with the rattle of automatic weapons. On what had been the front line, a body lay on a grass bank next to the bullet-riddled cab of his lorry. The final assault on Travnik began on Sunday night with a thunderous bombardment of the Croat enclave — a housing estate already scarred by shellfire and rocket-propelled grenades. A steady stream of terrified refugees braved sniper fire and mortar attacks as they drove wildly out of town, colliding with each other. A gutted coach at a road junction was being looted by old women and children.

By 6am yesterday the big guns had fallen silent, although the last pockets of Croat resistance were still drawing mortar and machine-gun fire. A truce of sorts had been brokered, enabling Croat fighters to withdraw.

The housing estate, where an estimated 2,000 Croat civilians remain encircled by Muslim guns, bore witness to the ferocity of the final attack. Not a single block had escaped damage. Old women queued for water at a standpipe, in clear range of sniper fire.

At one of the town's hospitals, doctors operated on soldiers injured by shrapnel or sniper fire. Men lay on stretchers in crowded corridors crying for water. "We have no anaesthetic and very few dressings remain," said a nurse. "Some of these men will almost certainly die before the day is out."

Officials from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees were last night trying to arrange safe passage from Travnik for wounded soldiers and civilians, but the prospects did not look good.

Having snatched control of Travnik from the Croats, Muslim commanders yesterday denied that they wanted to take Vitez, further down the valley, where the British troops are based. The Croats, armed with superior weapons, are outnumbered four to one in the valley. Nevertheless, they have promised a "death or glory defence", and British commanders describe the area as "a tinderbox ready to flare very soon".

The Bosnian Serb army claimed that it was protecting more than 1,000 Croat refugees who had fled from Travnik, but a Bosnian Croat army spokesman in the southern town of Mostar denied the claim. Although some sort of truce was achieved in Travnik, Muslims and Serbs in northern and eastern Bosnia accused each other of launching fresh offensives. General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb army commander, continued to prevent UN military observers from gaining access to the besieged Muslim enclave of Gorazde. It is one of six places that the UN has declared a "safe area".

Bosnian radio said the 12-day-old Bosnian Serb attack on Gorazde continued yesterday, and fighting continued around the Muslim enclave of Srebrenica. On Sunday, six civilians, including three children, were killed in Gorazde with 26 wounded, and five children were reported to have been wounded in Srebrenica on Saturday.

In Belgrade, Vuk Draskovic, the jailed Serb opposition leader, yesterday urged his followers to avoid provoking the authorities and to stay off the streets. His brother, Rodoljub, visited him in his Belgrade jail and said he was covered in bruises and his sight and hearing was impaired. Rodoljub said his brother had promised to step down from the leadership of the Serbian Renewal Movement and return to writing once he was released from prison. Mr Draskovic and his wife, Danica, were arrested early last Wednesday morning after violent street protests erupted in central Belgrade in which one policeman was killed and 30 people injured.

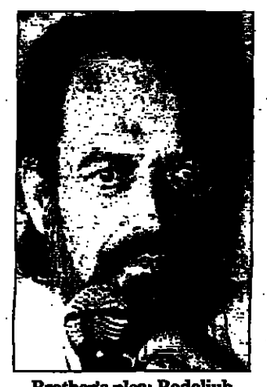
The failure of Western policy to tackle the problems of Bosnia has prompted Nato to try to set up more formal military links with the UN, so that the alliance can act rapidly as the executive arm of the international body in future crises. Nato foreign ministers meeting in Athens on Thursday will study the failures of Bosnian policy and the idea of a special hotline to the UN is expected to be discussed.

However, British diplomats said yesterday that the ministers were unlikely to draft a specific proposal for a UN link. One proposal is that a permanent alliance representative should be sent to the UN headquarters in New York.



ADRIAN BROOKS

Fortune weighs in: Sinisa Mitrusic, 17, who is recovering well after being hit in the pelvis by this 2lb shell head that lodged in his abdomen. Sarajevo doctors said it was the largest piece of shrapnel they had removed in the Bosnian war



Brother's plea: Rodoljub Draskovic yesterday

Fish farm gang extends deadly net on aid route

FROM BILL FROST IN GORNJI VAKUF

JUMPING from the roadside and brandishing his weapon, a young bandit in black combat fatigues realised almost at once that his prey would elude him. He scuttled back towards cover to rejoin his friends, having realised the small convoy they planned to plunder was escorted by a British army Scimitar reconaissance vehicle.

He glowered at his intended victims as the Scimitar's cannon swivelled slowly towards the wooded hillside which flanks the road north of Gornji Vakuf, in central Bosnia-Herzegovina. Before disappearing, he smiled wolfishly at us; there would be other convoys, someone was always willing to risk the route without the protection of British armour.

Three days earlier, the gang had ambushed an unescorted Italian aid convoy. The group had been stopped at the same spot and forced from their vehicles at gunpoint. The bandits taunted and then murdered three Italians while the leader's girl friend, who is said to enjoy the sight of blood, looked on and offered encouragement to the killers.

The gang's murderous activities have all but halted the passage of unescorted aid convoys, which carry 80 per cent of food destined for the starving, on the only viable route through central Bosnia. UK troops are too thinly spread across the region to provide constant cover.

Muslim military commanders, who ostensibly control the road, appear powerless or unwilling to hunt down the bandits, who are stealing from the mouths of their own community. They have begged the British army to go into the mountains and "liquidate" the 50-strong band.

"Colonel" Paraga, the bandits' leader, is a seasoned campaigner and by now wealthy man after a string of violent robberies on the road from Gornji Vakuf to Novi Travnik. He wears a Desert Rat's badge on his beret and is constantly accompanied by his girl friend.

The British army believes his base is close to a now abandoned trout farm in the mountains and cannot understand why he has not yet been hunted down. But sources say the "colonel" and most of his followers were, until recently, members of the Muslim forces. Local people have named "Colonel" Paraga's bandits "the Fish Head Gang". Nobody laughs at the joke now though, with so few convoys willing to risk the road which passes their lair at the trout farm.

Aid officials have expressed serious concern over shortages as "Colonel" Paraga tightens his grip on their supply line. Privately they will say that they would like nothing better than a British army search-and-destroy mission against the gang. "But get rid of him and another brigand will take his place the next day. This country has gone beyond anarchy now and there is nothing we can do," said one.

The aid worker's gloom is shared by many of his colleagues working in central Bosnia. Another said: "A collective madness has gripped this place. And they kill those who come here to feed or help them. I despair, we all do."

Such despair is justified all too frequently on that road. Just beyond "Colonel" Paraga's territory, the British army discovered the body of a Croat soldier at a roadblock. At first, they thought he had been killed by the bandits. Subsequent enquiries revealed that he had been playing Russian roulette to while away the time.

One British officer said: "A bottle of brandy, boring guard duty at a checkpoint — you can see how these things happen. Shove a single round in the weapon, pass it to your friends and see who cops it first." The officer expressed neither surprise nor dismay over the incident. "Russian roulette is getting more and more popular. The young Croat certainly wasn't the first to lose, and he certainly won't be the last."

Latvian voters endorse nationalists to deny citizenship for foreigners

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN RIGA

LATVIANS have voted overwhelmingly in favour of nationalist parties of the centre and right, revealing the almost complete ethnic split now running through the republic's politics. However, the preference for more moderate nationalists means there is unlikely to be violence.

Around 75 per cent of Latvians voted for parties whose central plank was a more or less tough stand on the question of extending citizenship to non-Latvians, mainly Russians, who came to Latvia under Soviet rule. Only 5 per cent voted for the Democratic Centre, the group which takes a liberal position on granting citizenship. The 20 per cent of the electorate who are non-Latvians, but whose families were citizens of the pre-1940 republic, voted overwhelmingly along ethnic lines for parties calling for citizenship for all Latvian residents.

As expected, the main victor in the elections was Latvian Way, a coalition of more centrist nationalists, former Communists and Latvian émigrés, which largely grew out of the Latvian Popular Front and the existing government. It won 36 of the 100 seats in parliament. More radical nationalist parties got 27 seats between them and, to the considerable relief of local minorities and Western diplomats, it will be unable to form a government on its own.

Leaders of Latvian Way said before the elections that their preferred coalition partner would be the Farmers' Association, which won 12 seats. This party is willing to serve in a government, but its leaders have publicly attacked the presence in Latvian Way of Anatolijs Gorbunovs, the former Communist leader. He retains great popularity because of his role in achieving independence, and this contributed to Latvian Way's success. The needs of coalition, however, may lead to him being sidelined. The choice of the necessary third partner could have an important effect on government policy over the Russian question. The alternatives are the left-liberal Democratic Centre or the Christian Democrats.



Latvian Way representatives said privately yesterday that the Democratic Centre's "softness" on the citizenship issue may be an insuperable obstacle. The Christian Democrats would insist on a tougher position, and would also not find it easy to work with Mr Gorbunovs.

A Latvian Way-dominated government is expected to continue the economic reforms of the outgoing government of Ivars Godmanis. Despite his great unpopularity, attributed to the fall in living standards, his administration had spectacular success in mastering inflation and introducing an independent currency.

Privatisation, however, has been delayed by the omnipresent question of citizenship and whether to introduce economic discrimination between citizens and non-citizens, which the radical nationalists want. A Western diplomat said yesterday: "On this question, the new parliament simply can no longer pass the buck."

One threat to fiscal stability in Latvia may be the strong role of the Farmers' Association. Ivars Berkis, its chairman, has said repeatedly that increased state support for agriculture is his party's first priority. The Farmers' Association stands for an exaggerated form of nationalistic rural values.

Yeltsin 'seeks dictator's powers'

The Russian president, defying his hardline critics, is confident he will persuade regional leaders to give him new powers, Anne McElvoy reports

Hardline opponents of President Yeltsin yesterday accused him of seeking to use the special assembly he has convened to secure for himself the powers of an elected dictator.

But he seemed in confident mood as he began talks with Russia's powerful regional leaders, and pressed ahead with the assembly he has called to draft a new constitution to strengthen his hand against opponents in the legislature and local councils.

Yesterday, his opponents condemned his approach to the assembly after he refused to let Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliamentary chairman, speak on Saturday and had a communist deputy bundled out of the chamber when he tried to reach the podium to protest.

Oleg Rumyantsev, the author of parliament's rival constitutional draft, claimed that the atmosphere Mr Yeltsin had created was similar to that of the Communist Party central committee meetings in Soviet days. "People have been summoned to do the bidding of just one person," he said.

The hardline National Salvation Front has declared: "The threat is arising of a dictatorship by one person with unrestricted rights." Mr Khasbulatov has also said that the assembly does not have the right to debate constitutional change.

Mr Yeltsin, however, is well-prepared for a fight. He has urged the assembly to "abandon pantomime gestures" and get down to work, adding: "We must not lose our nerve now." He spoke of the danger of violent confrontation if the assembly failed to provide a draft constitution acceptable to the 88 Rissian regions and antonomous republics.

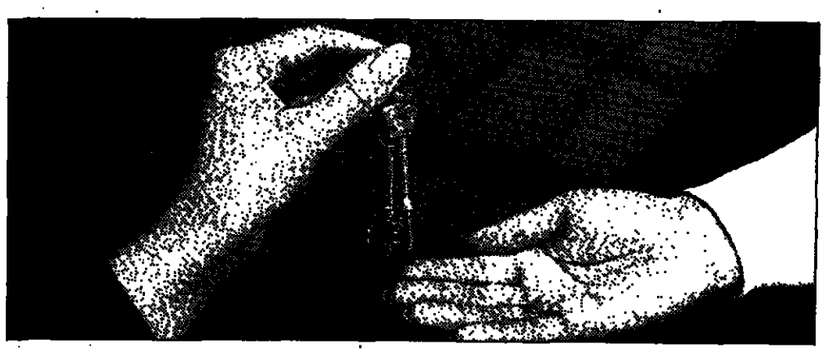
More than 700 delegates split into five working groups yesterday to debate details of the draft constitution advanced by Mr Yeltsin; 1,500 amendments have already been submitted.

Valeri Dorkin, the chairman of the constitutional court and a key figure in the constitutional wrangle, who usually sides with parliament, yesterday offered Mr Yeltsin unexpected support, saying that he broadly backed his tough stance and favoured strong presidential power in the country. Most Russians, though, are indifferent about this latest trial of strength between president and parliament. Two-thirds of respondents to a television poll admitted that they were equally ignorant of both Mr Yeltsin's draft and that of his rivals.

But the president's opponents believe he wants to use his mandate in the April referendum to strengthen his grip and push the legislature away from all decision-making. Mr Yeltsin is seeking the dissolution of Congress, whose supremacy is enshrined in the old constitution and which has proved the main stumbling block to his plans over the past 16 months.

He also wants to strip power from the local soviets (councils), which he has portrayed as a discredited vestige of the years under Soviet communism.

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PEACE OF MIND, AROUND THE CLOCK.

Farrow bitter winner of venomous courtroom drama



Farrow: admitted hitting Soon-Yi with chair and locking her in room

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

■ Mia Farrow wins custody of the children; Woody Allen loses and must pay costs. But for both, it was the least commendable performance of their lives and even prurient New York had had enough before it ended

THE BRUTAL ten-month custody battle between Woody Allen, the veteran film-maker, and Mia Farrow, his former lover and leading lady, was an extraordinary work of high drama — the most heavily-publicised, but least commendable performance of both their lives.

After a ruling by Judge Elliott Wilk in New York yesterday, Farrow was finally awarded custody of the couple's three children. Allen was denied visiting rights for at least six months to Dylan, 7, the couple's adopted daughter who Farrow alleged had been sexually molested by him. Moses, 15, their adopted son, will also not see his father unless he requests it. Allen will be permitted to see their biological son, Satchel, 5, only under supervision.

The verdict , which came after Judge Wilk deliberated for more than a month, was clearly a victory for Ms Farrow, but she too has emerged from the trial with a tarnished reputation. She may be a better parent than Allen, but it was a close-run thing, and the accusation that she was, as Allen's lawyer charged, "using her children as soldiers and pawns" to sate "her unmitigated hatred of their father" has the unmistakable ring of truth.

Woody Allen and Mia Farrow were once held up as the quintessential New York odd-ball couple. Throughout their relationship of more than a dozen years, Allen never once lived with the woman who so often starred in his films. They lived in different flats separated, it now transpires, by more than Central Park, yet their love affair was pure New York: wierd, private but apparently permanent.

That myth exploded after Farrow found nude photographs taken by Allen of Soon-Yi Previn, Farrow's adopted 21-year-old daughter with André Previn, the conductor. The couple separated with deep acrimony in January 1992. In August Farrow accused Allen of sexually abusing their daughter, and in response he held a press conference to admit that he was having an affair with Soon-Yi and announce he was suing for custody of the three children. Independent experts could find no evidence that Dylan had been abused, but those charges were central to Farrow's case .

Both sides hired expensive lawyers and used their friends and supporters to wage a vicious media campaign of charge and counter charge. The courtroom battle, in which both the main protagonists testified, was the stuff of soap opera, tragedy and farce combined. Even New Yorkers, with their taste for prurient detail, seemed oddly shocked by the level of venom displayed by both sides. Allen accused his former lover of being an unfit mother, a cranky, spiteful and impossible shrew who would stop at nothing — even sending a Valentine card with a skewer through it — in her crusade against him.

Farrow admitted hitting Soon-Yi with a chair, screaming at her and locking her in her room. She was, Allen's lawyers maintained, more interested in collecting babies than raising them. He, in turn, was painted as, at best, a most distant and preoccupied father and at worst, a child molester. He could barely remember any details about the lives of his children. He was, Farrow said, vain, neurotic and possibly homosexual. Hanging over his entire testimony, was the fact that he was still having an affair with a woman who had regarded him as a father-figure. "He violated the trust of his family. He has created an irreparable breach," said Farrow's lawyer. "All the members of this family are bleeding and need to heal."

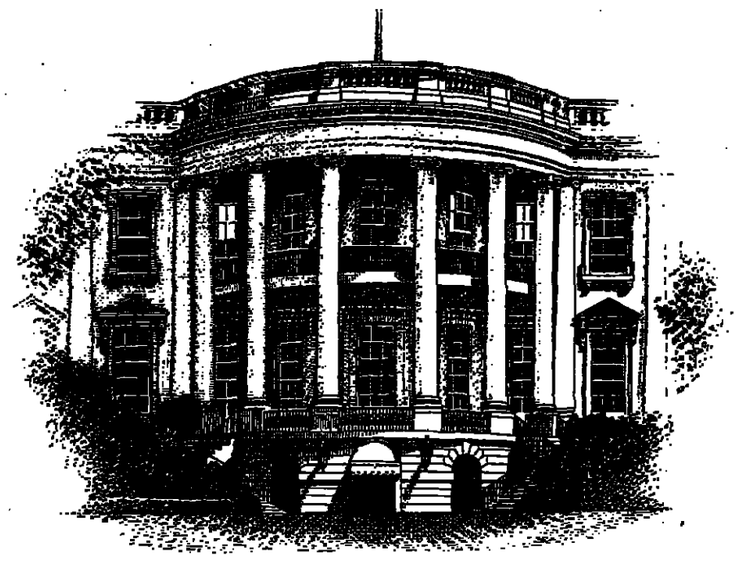
After seven weeks of revelations about the bizarre Allen-Farrow menage, New York columnists who had once come out in staunch support of one side or the other, began to express doubts about whether either was a fit parent.

Mia Farrow has custody of her children, but that was always likely to be the outcome in a trial that was as much about Allen clearing his name as the welfare of his children. He will see his children seldom, and then probably under supervision, but from his own testimony it was clear that his interest in his children was vague and tenuous. This was a fractured family before, and it will remain so.

Much has been said and written about the relationship between Allen's life and his art. The opening of his latest film, *Husbands and Wives*, about a man who develops a relationship with a much younger woman, could not have been better (or worse) timed if it had been scripted. But although Allen's films have always had a black, tortured side, they were finally comedies, picking through the psychological minefield of modern life with wit and tenderness. The Allen-Farrow custody suit was tragedy comedy. Both sides claimed love of their children as their script, but this was a drama about hate, and the cruelties that can arise when a relationship goes truly bad.



Allen: testimony showed his interest in his children was rather tenuous



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Reagan aide moves in to tackle White House chaos

*President Clinton's appointments have lurched towards the catastrophic. But sweeping changes are now under way. **Martin Fletcher** writes from Washington*

DAVID GERGEN, chief salesman of the Reagan revolution, formally took charge of political, strategic and communications operations at the White House yesterday — and not a moment too soon.

President Clinton was walking a political tightrope yesterday as he tried to balance conflicting pressures over taxes and spending cuts in his budget. A successful compromise is crucial to Mr Clinton if his young administration is to shake off its image of turmoil and ineffectiveness. His fight is primarily with fellow Democrats who must steer his legislation through the Senate, and he was meeting them late yesterday in an attempt to agree changes to his original proposals on an energy tax and spending cuts.

Mr Clinton's post-election lurch leftwards is only part of the reason why last year's "Slick Willie" has become this year's "Bumblin' Bill". Mr Gergen's arrival will also help remedy the other main factor: organisational chaos within the White House. On the evidence, Ross Perot was quite correct to say Mr Clinton would qualify for no more than middle-management in the private sector.

The urgently required White House shake-up began immediately with Mark Gearan's appointment to succeed George Stephanopoulos as communications director and chief spokesman. Mr Gearan, 36, was Michael Dukakis's spokesman in 1988, managed Al Gore's vice-presidential campaign last year, and actually likes the media.

No wonder Mr Clinton has received such bad coverage. Like him, Mr Stephanopoulos barely concealed his hostility to the press corps and repeatedly circumvented the truth. Veteran journalists say that relations have not been as bad since Ron Ziegler waged daily media warfare during the Watergate scandal.

Mr Stephanopoulos was just one of several senior White House figures — mostly old FoBs (Friends of Bill) — who are considered out of their depth. Everyone likes Thomas McLarty, the chief of staff, but he has little political or strategic sense and cannot manage an ill-disciplined president who will not stick to schedules or make decisions.

A dozen aides have automatic walk-in rights to the Oval Office, turning life in the inner sanctum into an endless seminar. By contrast, several cabinet secretaries protest that they are completely excluded from decision-making.

Bernard Nussbaum's 30 years as a top Wall Street lawyer have not equipped him to be White House counsel. Lacking political antennae, he failed to alert Mr Clinton to the vulnerabilities of Zoë Baird, Kimba Wood or Lani Guinier. Howard Paster has been conspicuously ineffectual as the president's principal liaison with Congress. And then there is the grossly overburdened Bruce Lindsey, the appointments chief.

Mountains of paper cover Mr Lindsey's desk and, compounding his difficulties, he must provide jobs for umpteen FoBs and ensure racial and sexual diversity. The result is that the Senate has confirmed barely 150 nominees to 600 top positions.

But more important than these individual failings, Mr Clinton has installed no clear chain of command, preferring a decentralised management structure in which aides have responsibilities without authority, and power is diffused. There is no single figure in the Clinton White House doing strategic planning, no one imposing a coherent ideology on a drifitng president, no one politically savvy enough to warn him of looming trouble like Hollywood hairdressers with foreign names. Long-time Clinton-watchers recall that his management style as governor of Arkansas was equally inept until he hired the formidable Betsey Wright as his chief of staff, and that last year's campaign was just as sloppy until he gave James Carville overall charge.

Mr Gergen will begin to fill that vacuum. Harold Ickes, the hard-nosed New York lawyer who organised last year's Democratic convention, is likely to be drafted in to inject some long-overdue ruthlessness. Those hordes of bright young idealists who poured into the capital five months ago, naively convinced they could change Washington with ideas and energy alone, are now disillusioned and wait to hear their fate. They had their chance and blew it.



Bruce Babbitt, above, has emerged as President Clinton's choice to fill the vacant seat on the US Supreme Court and his nomination is expected this week. Mr Babbitt, 54, former governor of Arizona, attorney-general of the state and a 1988 presidential candidate, is a man of centre politics who should encounter little opposition in his Senate confirmation hearings.

Ashrawi ready to rejoin talks

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UN forces come under renewed attack in Somalia

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

■ The reign of fear operated by the Mogadishu warlords is such that the United Nations is not prepared to name the men suspected of killing its peacekeepers

SOMALI gunmen continued to attack Pakistani United Nations peacekeepers yesterday when a small militia group, including women, fired on their headquarters in the centre of Mogadishu, the capital.

Witnesses said the Somalis opened fire from a pick-up truck as it raced past the barracks, where most of the 4,750 UN troops have been confined since the weekend fighting in which 23 Pakistanis died and 54 were wounded. The UN soldiers returned the fire. The vehicle crashed and two gunmen were killed. The remaining occupants took cover in nearby bushes and exchanged fire with the Pakistanis and American snipers. There were no UN casualties.

This latest attack came as it emerged that gunmen used women and children as human shields when they ambushed a patrol by American and Pakistani troops in Mogadishu at the weekend.

In the wake of the weekend's dramatic demonstration of the inadequacy of its peacekeeping operations, the UN yesterday appealed to member states for more men and equipment for its ambitious missions in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Somalia. UN officials were looking to America to provide the UN troops already in Somalia with attack helicopters and armoured personnel carriers to try to prevent a repeat of Saturday's slaughter.

Efforts were also being made to bring the UN force to its full strength of 28,000. The 18,000 UN troops now in Somalia assumed control from an American-led coalition at the beginning of May.

Brigadier-General Ikramullah, the commander of the Pakistani force, said that his men had been pinned down when they came under attack from three sides in a well-organised ambush. They had been unable to return fire because of the shield of women and children. General Muhammed Farrah Aidid's men are not alone in employing human shields. General Mohammed Siad Hirsi Morgan, his key rival, has also used the technique.

Late on Sunday evening the UN Security Council called on Jonathan Howe, the former American admiral who heads UN operations in Somalia, to use every effort to track down those responsible for the killings. The casualties were the heaviest suffered by a UN mission since 44 Ghanaians were killed in the Congo in 1961.

It now falls to Mr Howe to decide how best to go about tracking down the perpetrators. So far America and the UN have been slow to act against criminals and warlords in Somalia. Although the men behind the weekend attacks were under the command of General Aidid, and the general said on his radio station that all UN troops should pull out of central Mogadishu, neither the security council nor Mr Howe have been prepared to name him as a suspect in organising the weekend ambush. To do so, one senior UN official said yesterday, would amount to a declaration of war against General Aidid and his men.

Yesterday five of the ten Pakistani soldiers who were missing after the weekend fighting were turned over by General Aidid to the Italian ambassador in Mogadishu. The Pakistanis, two of whom had been badly wounded, had been rescued by civilians and kept in a safe house.

In an attempt to appear conciliatory, General Aidid insisted yesterday that the men had not been held hostage but had been held for their own protection. He denied any knowledge of another five missing UN peacekeepers.

One of those released, Lieutenant Muhammad Sohail Ehsen said yesterday that he had been shot in the chest and arm while one of his men, who was also freed, had received a bullet wound in the eye. He said he had not been held by General Aidid's men, nor had he been mistreated.

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High hopes: Gonzálo Sánchez de Lozada, the likely new president, in La Paz

Opposition wins Bolivia election

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN LA PAZ

BOLIVIA'S opposition National Revolutionary Movement claimed victory yesterday in the presidential and congressional elections held on Sunday, when voters soundly rejected the ruling coalition led by General Hugo Banzer, the former military dictator.

The new president, who must first be ratified when congress meets in early August, will almost certainly be Gonzálo Sánchez de Lozada, 62, a multimillionaire mine owner, who grew up in exile in America. Unofficial results yesterday gave Señor Sánchez almost 35 per cent of the vote, with the ruling Patriotic Accord second with 21 per cent.

Under the Bolivian system, if no party wins more than 50 per cent of the vote, parliament chooses the president after bargaining to determine which parties can form a ruling coalition. Señor Sánchez failed to win an absolute majority and will be forced to seek a coalition with at least one other party.

For the first time, Bolivia is likely to have an Aymara Indian vice-president, Victor Hugo Cardenas, whose Tupac Katari movement ran with Señor Sánchez.

Holding back tears, Señor Sánchez, who is popularly known as "Goni", accepted victory early yesterday and promised "four years of economic growth, social justice and above all honesty". The victory represents a comeback for the Revolutionary Movement, which led the country's 1952 revolution and instituted one of the most radical agrarian reforms in Latin American history. Señor Sánchez, as planning minister in the mid-1980s, helped to steer the party away from its marxist roots, heading a drastic economic reform programme which brought hyperinflation down to 15 per cent in less than two years.

General Banzer's defeat probably means the end of his dream of becoming the first Latin American dictator to win a democratic election.

Ashrawi ready to rejoin talks

FROM BEN LYNFIELD IN JERUSALEM

PALESTINIAN leaders edged closer yesterday to attending another round of peace talks with Israel. At the same time Arab foreign ministers ended a meeting in Amman by calling for America to play a more active role in the negotiations.

Hanan Ashrawi, the Palestinian spokeswoman, said she and several negotiators from the occupied territories would leave for Jordan today on their way to Washington. They are due to meet US State Department officials in an attempt to allow Palestinian participation in the tenth round of talks, scheduled to start next Tuesday.

"We are seeking a more decisive and even-handed US role," Mrs Ashrawi said. "There is a lot of work to be done and we will do it systematically and quietly."

The Palestinians would like Washington to put pressure on the Israelis swiftly to end military rule in the occupied territories. Israel, for its part, is wary of the emergence of a Palestinian state.

In Amman, the foreign ministers of Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation issued a communiqué appealing to America and Russia to force Israel to comply with United Nations resolutions calling for an exchange of land for peace and to end human rights violations in the territories. Their statement did not specifically say the Arabs would return to the bargaining table, but a senior PLO official said a return was "implied".

Shimon Peres, the Israeli foreign minister, yesterday stepped up an exchange of conciliatory words with Jordan. He said Israel and Jordan had effectively agreed peace guidelines after more than four decades of official, and at times active, hostility. "What is lacking in Israeli-Jordanian relations is a pen, not an agreement. We have reached an agreement and we simply need to sign it," he said, adding that he believed the Palestinians did not want to be the first to sign.

Negotiators from the two countries drafted an agreement to streamline their talks last October, but it is unsigned



Martini: faces a strong Third World challenge

African cardinal may be next Pope

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

SPECULATION is growing in the Vatican that the next Pope may be a black African, following the appointment last weekend of Cardinal Bernardin Gantin, from Benin, as dean of the College of Cardinals, the most prestigious department of the Holy See.

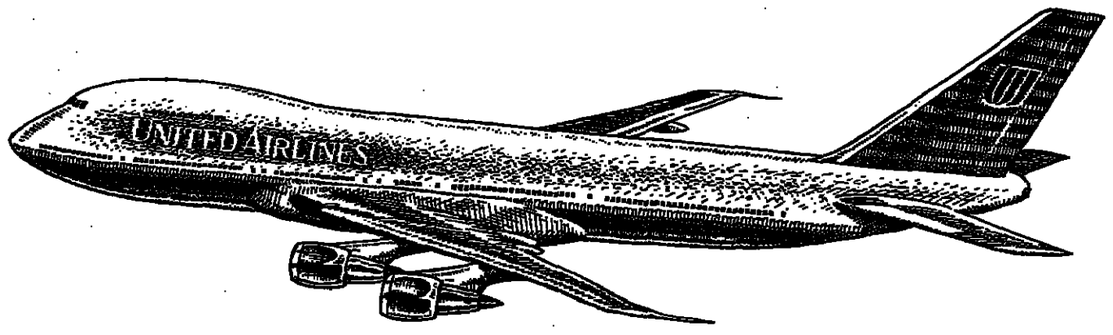
"This confirms that nationality no longer counts for much in the church, and that an African or Asian successor to Peter is not only possible but also probable," said *Corriere della Sera*. The appointment was approved by the Pope after the election of Cardinal Gantin, according to Vatican tradition, by a panel of six cardinals with dioceses surrounding Rome. It is the first time the post has been taken up by an African in the history of the Roman Catholic Church.

Vatican sources said the appointment of the 71-year-old native of Cotonou, where he was a bishop for 20 years, was an indication that the favourite to be elected on the death of Pope John Paul II, Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini of Milan, could face a strong challenge from a Third World candidate. Another African prelate who has been strongly tipped to become Pope is Cardinal Francis Arinze, from Nigeria.

The traditional Italian domination of the College of Cardinals has declined. There are 36 Italians in the college of 151, or 22 if those over 80 years of age and not eligible to elect a pontiff are excluded. There are now 16 African



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Thou shalt never get caught

The rich are different, as Alan Clark's confessions of affairs prove.

Alice Thomson seeks a map through England's moral maze

Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery says the seventh commandment and this biblical prohibition has been underscored by centuries of literature where wicked adulterers are invariably caught out, vilified and dealt with in a smug, exemplary fashion. Satan reserves his lowest, darkest pit in hell for adulterers, authors often concoct even worse endings.

John Irving's Garp is typical. Garp, who has been having a fling with the babysitter, drives home with his two children and crashes into the back of a car in which his wife is fellating one of her students. She bites off his penis, one of the children dies and the other loses an eye. The moral of these tales is simple: do not dally with other women. If fate doesn't punish you, your wife will.

Unless, that is, you are part of the aristocracy, who are seemingly exempt from these nasty endings. Take Alan Clark, best-supporting actor in Sunday night's *Love Tory* on television, former defence minister, philanderer and all-round buffoon. Instead of his wife pouring cold porridge over his head and cutting up his suits with a pair of nail scissors, Jane Clark actually appears to feel sorry for her husband.

Mrs Clark, who was aged 16 when she married 35 years ago, is typical of the stoic, upper class wife who doesn't mind when the girlfriend turns up on the honeymoon. She was "the nicest" of Mr Clark's girlfriends, Mrs Clark says. The others are described as bluebottles who need swatting. Summing up her husband, she says, "I still think he's super. I know he's an S-H-one-T but that's it."

Major Ronald Ferguson's wife, Susan, has been similarly stoic. A shy, pretty young farmer's daughter, she has been strong, loving loyal and sweetly old-fashioned, standing by her husband when he visited the Wigmore Club, a grubby massage parlour and when his affair with a polo player, Lesley Player, became public knowledge. Meanwhile, he relishes his reputation as a ladies' man and has an embroidered cushion with the legend "Old men make better lovers".

According to the chattering classes, a man who so completely humiliates his wife does not deserve this kind of loyalty — so how do they get away with it? A.A. Gill, contributing editor for *Tatler* magazine and *Tatler*'s specialist on aristocratic marriages, believes that the working classes and upper classes have similar views on affairs: it is the middle classes who have all the hang-ups. "Affairs are perfectly acceptable to the upper classes as long as you follow certain rules. You must not do anything that would embarrass the wife. Sleeping with immediate family and close friends is out of the question. Oswald Mosley could be forgiven for being a fascist but not for sleeping with his mother-in-law. That showed exceptionally poor taste," he says.

"Then you must be careful what sort of girl you choose. In my grandmother's day you never used to have your mistress in the house socially, as they were usually members of the lower orders and actresses. That changed after the war. Now it's a free-for-all as long as they don't chatter."

Why do these wives put up with it? "Marriage is vital to their social standing," Mr Gill says. At least if you stick with your husband you can go skiing with the children, have the Queen Anne box in the country and potter round the vegetable garden."



French connections: the gallic attitude to affairs is less hypocritical — from *Ball at the Opera*, by Edouard Manet

The one sin is getting caught. "No king likes news of a regicide, it makes them nervous and it's the same with affairs. What is important in these marriages are the things that are left unsaid. Sharing thoughts is a very middle class idea. The upper classes call it bad manners and compartmentalise their lives into shooting, children and mistresses. Mr Clark is upper class in the way that he is arrogant enough not to deny his affairs when caught, but the fact that he has put his wife in such an uncomfortable position is very tacky. Similarly, the Princess of Wales may be popular with the middle classes but the aristocracy loathe her. She has spilled the beans and not played the game. Everyone knew the Prince of Wales would need a mistress," Mr Gill says.

Mr Clark told his wife: "You should be more French. French politicians and Frenchmen have mistresses and girlfriends. Why can't you be like that?" But according to the French historian Theodore Zeldin, the English are just as promiscuous as the French. "The statistics are comparable but the French are less hypocritical. In Britain you pretend it never happens. In France they believe it is only natural."

In Britain the closing of ranks around the Prince of Wales and the ease with which women are sacrificed to male whims are clear reminders that responses to adultery are far from equal. Upper-class British women still have to remain tight-lipped. Margaret of Navarre, a French poet in the 15th century, once said: "A father will have compassion on his son. A mother will never forget her child. A brother will cover the sins of his sister. But what husband will ever forgive the faithlessness of his wife?" One anonymous lady explained the predicament. "Men take a great pride in keeping a woman's interest. It's like being a good shot and providing for their children. Fergie was only doing what her father did but she is now considered rich, spoilt and immoral."

The royal family, according to Dr Dennis Friedman, author of *Inheritance, a psychological history of the Royal Family*, can't help it. They have it in their genes. "Ever since Edward VII, who never saw his mother, the royals have been looking for love substitutes," he says. "As children they have learnt never to rely on one woman. It is not a question of right or wrong but a compulsion."

Patten fails test of nerves

The education minister has created his own gridlock over the 14-plus

Yesterday, John Patten published, with a disingenuous flourish, an exceedingly boring exam paper. This was the reading and writing section of the infamous 14-plus test in English, the first slug of the nine-and-a-half hours of exams that 650,000 children are supposed to be sitting this week in English, maths, science, design & technology and information technology.

More hours of torture will be added as tests in the other subjects come on stream, if Mr Patten can climb out of the hole he has dug for himself and get national testing back on the road next year. He hopes that parents will read this paper, say: "Well, whatever were the teachers making such a fuss about?". Looking at the paper, which asks a series of questions about two dull passages on public transport and the arrangements for a school trip, and then asks children to write a thank you letter for their visit to a wildlife sanctuary, you can see it is depressing, but not worth boycotting.

To pass it, you would have to concentrate, have a facility for flipping sheets of paper back and fro, and — as these are mostly multiple choice questions — demonstrate a natural aptitude for form-filling. Clearly, this is *not* what all the fuss is about.

The literature paper is so "inadequate and unfair" in the view of Dr John Marenbon that it provoked his resignation as chairman of the committee charged with developing these tests. In the view of English teachers from right across the politico-educational spectrum, it is so ill-conceived that it should have been sent right back to the drawing board. But that is not what all the fuss is about, either.

The sad thing is that Mr Patten could have headed off the boycott by treating English as he had already treated maths and science, allowing schools to run the English tests as voluntary pilot tests. More than three-quarters of schools opted to pilot the maths and science tests last year, and the exercise passed off pretty smoothly. We have been waiting 14 years for the Conservatives to show evidence of improvement in education. What's one more year, in one subject?

We have had seven-plus testing for two years with a great deal of alteration and refinement of the process being effected by a remarkably compliant primary school teaching force, and now Mr Patten's blind determination not to bow to the teachers' unions has put those gains at risk, too. Now, thanks to Mr Patten's ineptitude, we are back to arguing about whether to test at all. This is absurd, because the consensus that national testing is sound is still there; what needs tackling is the technique.

> We have waited 14 years. What's one more year?

In this context, the first problem with teachers is not that they are idle, or over-unionised, or incompetent, or indeed anything undesirable: it is that they are too conscientious and too idealistic. The second problem is that the best of them remain in the classroom, teaching, while the worst get shuffled off to devise tests and sit on committees, drawing up the most daunting forms you ever saw for the teacher assessment side of national testing.

The time the children put in sitting these exams is a mere moment compared with the hours teachers spend invigilating, marking and then doing the mental gymnastics involved in filling a form which demands hundreds of separate judgments and entries. When the seven-plus testers were going to test not only literacy and numeracy but also science, technology, history and geography, according to the cumbersome national curriculum criteria (is the child at level 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the following umpteen, vaguely-phrased target attainments for each subject?), there were 400 items to be ticked by the teachers before they reported to parents.

Schools and local authorities came up with forms set out like grids to make the job easier. Equally unsurprisingly, teachers complain that such mechanistic exercises are not only time-consuming but also pointless. All the same, they went on conscientiously filling them in. Fortunately, with the seven-year-olds, it became clear that testing in numeracy and literacy was really all that was required. With 14-year-olds, however, the sheer number of subjects studied would mean having grids of truly mind-boggling proportions.

The School Examinations and Assessment Council says it wants teachers to abandon these grids and work more subjectively. But every teacher I know still believes that he or she is required to fill in one of these damned forms. Some communication breakdown, surely?

This is the sort of thing that Sir Ron Dearing's review needs to sort out, and if that means tinkering with the framework of the national curriculum, then so be it.

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The F-word made simple

Federalism, says Samuel Beer, is nothing to be afraid of

It takes a wise man to catch a weasel word. The morning that I met Samuel Beer to discuss his new book on the origins of American federalism, Douglas Hurd had been on the radio discussing the European variety. Challenged on Maastricht, the Foreign Secretary observed, unhelpfully, that "federalism" means different things to different people. But the F-word presents no such problems to Professor Beer.

"You have to stick with a conventional definition of federalism — the division of authority between two or more levels of government which defines the powers of each level," he says. And there are, the Harvard professor of government suggests, two different ways of going about it.

One is based on treaties between nation states which leave their sovereignty more or less intact. "The other kind of federalism is the American kind where the ultimate authority is in the people. There is an American people and there was an American people in 1774. But there is no European people — maybe someday there will be."

Samuel Beer's new book *To Make a Nation* is a work of history that reads like a contemporary tract and follows earlier celebrated books like *Modern British Politics* and *The British Political System*. When the man who was a Rhodes Scholar at Balliol in the 1930s and a speech writer for FDR talks, senior Democrats tend to listen. Professor Beer, now in his eighties, is quietly delighted that the Clinton generation is reading his book, which seeks to reclaim

MIKE POWELL



Professor Beer: "There is no European people"

debunk "the Southern heresy" that the Union was nothing more than a compact of sovereign states.

Federalism, Professor Beer acknowledges, can descend into tribalism, as it has in former Yugoslavia. But still the idea grips his imagination.

The nub of the Beer thesis is that the American constitution protects a concept of nationhood and national purpose as much as it protects individual rights. It defends free speech and the right to carry arms; but it also empowers Congress to spend for the "general welfare".

Theodore Roosevelt's "New Nationalism" fits into this tradition, as do Walt Whitman's poetry and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Even the Great Society, which Clinton, the professor concedes, will have to be a good deal more pragmatic than LBJ ever was.

Talking to Samuel Beer is a bit like chancing upon an undiscovered scholarly corner on the face of Mount Rushmore. He seems to have known all the greats of post-war American society; his students have filled American chancelleries for decades and include William Waldegrave in this country. He speaks of his British friends — David Astor, Denis Healey, Shirley Williams, Isaiah Berlin and the late Jo Grimond — as if to brush shoulders with such people was the most natural thing in the world.

Beer's life has been a long one, and he has seen the United States through two great trials, which, he says, is now facing its third great trial. The sectionalist challenge ended in the civil war; the industrial trial ended with the New Deal. Now, Professor Beer argues, America must deal with racism — warning that militant multiculturalism is as great a threat to federal unity as neo-conservatism. It is scarcely a new problem; and Professor Beer's voice is tinged with melancholy when he speaks of it.

So what does the professor have to say about our own constitutional debate? For a start, he has no time for proportional representation. "Parliament is very representative now. I was asking Mark Bonham-Carter recently 'what's not represented'? The difficulty is that the parties hold parliament in such control. You need some relaxation and that's where the select committees come in. They now have the power of oversight but what they don't have is the power to criticise bills before they're voted in. But they're close to it."

Which leads him him, out of the blue, to a hymn in praise of the British monarchy, which he says was the root of the nation's pluralism and unity. "Monarchy was extremely important in preparing the way for liberal democracy," he says. "In fact, the English monarch created the multicultural nation." And with a twinkle in his eye, he grins as if to remind you that wisdom is, in large part, the ability to surprise.

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Too many doctors are turning their hands to the latest surgical techniques before they have had adequate training

Look at the keyhole with caution

Not since Sir Anthony Eden's common bile duct was cut during surgery, has British political life been so influenced by an operation as it was when Judith Chaplin's death from a pulmonary embolism occasioned the Newbury by-election.

The public might well assume that the advantages, and disadvantages, of keyhole surgery, the new technique used for Mrs Chaplin abdominal operation, had been fully audited, and that the results had been compared with those in which a traditional incision had been made.

It might also be believed that new technology would become generally available only after accurate statistics had been obtained from randomly allocated patients in specialised units so that surgeons would have the data to enable them to select the most appropriate operation for each patient. In fact, statistics of this sort do not, as yet, exist.

The Royal College of Surgeons' watchful eye on the training and examination of British surgeons has ensured that the standards of surgery in Britain are as high, probably higher, as anywhere in the world. Surgical sciences are advancing rapidly and the Royal College now realises it also has to address the mammoth task of making a comparison of surgical practices so that surgeons will be able to judge their performance, and the efficacy of different surgical procedures.

Teams from the Royal College have started to compare the results of the surgical management of such conditions as hernias, colorectal cancer, cleft palate and liver transplants. From their statistics, it should be possible to predict the cases in which complications can be expected, the surgical procedures which consistently give the best results and any surgical teams which are not up to standard.

In endoscopic surgery, known as keyhole surgery, a surgeon views the site of the operation only indirectly by means of a telescopic lens which transmits a picture on to a screen. The surgeon then operates with instruments introduced through a small incision.

The small incision has obvious advantages as it avoids the damage to muscles, nerves and blood vessels caused by a wide slash, hence the patient's return to work and full activity much earlier. Endoscopic surgery can be invaluable, and it has proved its worth for many gynaecological disorders and for joint surgery.



DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

However, as delegates to a conference last week in Germany heard, it has to be used judiciously. One delegate said: "It is as if surgeons, having been given a new hammer, are now looking for nails to hit." Keyhole surgery is now not only being used for joints and gynaecological examination but for the removal of kidneys, uteri, gall bladders and even patches of malignant bowel.

As endoscopic surgery has become more widespread, it is being used by surgeons who are less skilful than the initial pioneers. Some, acting from peer, patient or commercial pressure have been persuaded to adopt procedures with which they are unfamiliar.

The disadvantages of keyhole surgery have started to be recorded. Some stem from the air that is blown into the peritoneal cavity to produce a positive intra-abdominal pressure. This restricts the movement of the diaphragm and impedes the flow of blood back to the heart so that cardio-respiratory distress may occur.

Pulmonary embolism, the complication that killed Mrs Chaplin, is more common after lengthy abdominal keyhole surgery than with traditional techniques.

Recently, other dangers have been recorded. Withdrawal of the endoscope may spread cancer cells along its track and these may later grow into secondary tumours. As the tubes have become larger, so small hernias have appeared later at the site of the operation.

Sir Anthony Eden might not have fared better with new-age endoscopic surgery. At the time his bile duct was cut, during an operation to remove his gall bladder (a cholecystectomy), severed bile ducts were virtually unheard of. Recently, investigations of cholecystectomies by keyhole surgery have shown that in some surgical units there is a 4 per cent rate of damage to the bile duct. At least one patient having gone into hospital for a cholecystectomy left with a transplanted liver.

Training schools for would-be endoscopic surgeons have been established in Leeds and London. Another is planned for London under the auspices of the Royal College of Surgeons.

With better trained surgeons and well-authenticated statistics, keyhole surgery will become an important and essential part of surgery. This time has not yet arrived.

Standing up to backache

People do not have to lie down in the face of spinal pain. Chiropractors have the answer, **Aileen Ballantyne** says

Elizabeth Taylor, it was reported last week, has successfully overcome the crippling back pain that has plagued her for decades — without having to resort to the surgery conventional medicine recommended.

Her recovery is apparently due to the services of Dr Leroy Perry, a Los Angeles chiropractor, who has treated some of the world's leading sportsmen and women. To some, the tale may conjure up pictures of the pampered hypochondria of the rich and famous: of a dubious world of "alternative" medicine; of personal exercise trainers and personal masseurs.

At first glance, the image of the American chiropractor lends itself to such misunderstanding. A few Los Angeles chiropractors use water beds for their spinal adjustment treatments because, they say, they are better for the purpose than the traditional leather couches. Some stray into unusual areas. "Chiropractors will advise you how to sit, how to walk and how to make love," Dr Perry says.

American chiropractors refuse to practise in drab little offices and restrict their medical advice to pills and surgery, like many US medical practitioners, and some actually advertise. On the average Californian highway, signs invite you to stop your car and "come in out of the pain".

Many people say chiropractic does greatly alleviate the pain of chronic back trouble. Unlike much of conventional medicine for back pain, it recognises that, in the end, a cure is only achieved by a partnership between practitioner and patient.

Most importantly, the benefits of chiropractic have been scientifically proven according to the exacting standards of conventional British medicine. A recent randomised controlled trial by senior statisticians at the government's Medical Research Council and a consultant rheumatologist at Northwick Park Hospital, west London, showed that chiropractic manipulation and treatment were 70 per cent more effective than conventional NHS hospital outpatient treatment for patients with low back pain. The study, published in the British Medical Journal, concluded that those treated with chiropractic fared "considerably better and maintained their improvement for at least two years".

Matthew Bennett, a Brighton chiropractor and spokesman for the British Chiropractic Association (BCA), says that much back surgery now being carried out is unnecessary and often unsuccessful. He says: "Many of our patients consult us with continuing back pain after undergoing surgery."

Elizabeth Taylor's pain appears to date back to a fall from a horse she had while a young girl filming *National Velvet*. For most of the 12 million people in Britain who suffer chronic back pain, it is a cumulative result of a lifetime's misuse. Conventional treatment involves rest, anti-inflammatory drugs, and, if your GP thinks you need it, physiotherapy in hospital, which may include heat treatment and remobilisation exercises. Chiropractic consists of gently unlocking the stiff joints, using manipulation techniques to restore full mobility. Mr Bennett says: "When you stimulate a joint through manipulation it blocks the pain pathways and reduces the inflammation."

A recent MORI poll showed that more than 90 per cent of people who attended chiropractors were satisfied with the treatment they got. The method appears to break the vicious circle of stiffness, pain, and immobility. Chiropractic treatment is often preceded by an X-ray to check for abnormalities that would rule out manipulative treatment, such as a cancerous tumour or fracture.

Registered chiropractors cooperate fully with hospital doctors and GPs. Mr Bennett stresses, for example, that for certain serious disc problems surgery is urgently required to prevent further disability. A registered chiropractor will recognise this and refer a patient to hospital.

Even the surgical removal of a burst fragment of a disc, however, can now be done using minimally invasive microsurgery. Professor Hugh Coakham, of the Frenchay Hospital, Bristol, one of four Bristol neursurgeons who pioneered the operation — known as a microdiscectomy — in this country, says that, like the conventional surgery to remove both the damaged disc and surrounding bone, it has a 90 per cent success rate. But microdiscectomy is less likely than conventional surgery to be followed by stiffness in the back. One professional footballer he recently treated was back playing top class football again within three months, Professor Coakham says.

New ideas, even when they are introduced within conventional medicine itself, take a long time to filter through to patients. For example, microdiscectomies were first used by an American doctor in Las Vegas in the 1970s following requests from professional dancers for a less radical form of treatment. For them, slipped discs are an occupational hazard but they need to get back to work as soon as possible after an operation.

Many orthopaedic surgeons in Britain continue to use the older form of surgery. Professor Coakham estimates that only about 25 per cent of such disc surgery in Britain is carried out using the newer, minimally invasive technique.

Perhaps the saddest thing about chronic back pain, for many people, is that it can all too easily colour their whole attitude to life. A recent MORI poll showed that eight out of ten people suffer back pain at some point and that one in ten have suffered it for more than ten years. The same poll showed that 80 per cent of recent sufferers believe it is a problem they must learn to live with. This attitude is almost certainly engendered, at least in part, by overworked GPs who see so many patients with chronic back pain every day that many are at a loss to know what to offer them.

The consensus now, even in conventional medicine, is that too much bed rest, for the ordinary mechanical back pain most of us get at some time, can do more harm than good. Two or three days in bed is sufficient.

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Pain in the neck: the majority of Britain's 12 million sufferers hurt because of a lifetime's cumulative misuse

How to avoid quacks

IT IS crucial, if you decide to see a chiropractor, to make sure that he or she is properly qualified. The British Chiropractic Association (BCA) maintains a list of registered chiropractors and can put you in touch with one locally. Either write to the BCA at 29 Whitley Street, Reading, Berkshire RG2 OEG or telephone them on 0800 212 618.

A Medical Research Council's report recommended that chiropractic should be available on the National Health Service. That was three years ago. Some fundholding GPs are now willing to refer patients within the NHS as a result of the study, but in many parts of the country it remains a treatment that is only available privately at a cost of around £18 a session.

Patients must also pay about £40 to £50 for an initial diagnosis, including full X-rays, which are taken standing up to check postural defects. However, most health insurance policies cover treatment if you are referred by a consultant or your GP, depending on the policy. Chiropractic is the world's third largest healing profession, after medicine and dentistry. In the United States, nobody can legally practise as a chiropractor unless registered.

Here, there are still some practitioners who call themselves chiropractors but have not completed the full-time, four-year minimum training course required by the BCA. By the end of this year, the BCA hope to rectify this by means of a private member's bill, which will make it illegal for people to practise unless they are registered.

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Bright outlook is no joke

Research seems to prove the point: money really cannot buy happiness

It is amazing the effect a few days' sunshine can have on the nation's mood. Less than a week ago, we were stuck in the slough of despond: the prime minister was clearly a dud, having been given the lowest popularity rating for someone in his office since polls began, and tax increases seemed inevitable to pay for the steadily escalating rise in the PSBR. Yet today, who cares?

The prospects for continued cheerfulness seems good with the predictions of a long, hot summer, because it has long been recognised that people are happier and kinder to others on days when the sun is shining — they tip waitresses more and are apparently more likely to stop and help with sociological surveys.

But a good summer can only offer a temporary reprieve to the government. Nothing can disguise the gradual slide in the happiness of nations in the West over the last decade. Despite dramatic increases in real wealth, data from the United States show no increase in "happiness": according to one sociologist, the average American has become less happy since the war.

These findings conceal a curious paradox. Wealth is a major individual determent of happiness: the rich, according to surveys, are happy 77 per cent of the time; everyone else are only happy 52 per cent of the time. Yet at a national level, there seems to be little correlation between happiness and Gross National Product, GNP, the measure of a country's economic success. The Japanese are not happier than Indians, and Latin American countries are generally happier than Europeans. A survey 15 years ago found that the personal happiness rating of Nigerians —real GNP per head only $150 — was the same as that of West Germans — GNP per person: $2,000.

These pose a serious problem for Western governments who have historically pursued wealth creation as a means of achieving the utilitarian goal of the greatest happiness of the greatest number. The problem is even worse in America, where "the pursuit of happiness" is written into the declaration of independence as an "inalienable right".

The British are better off in the happiness stakes than most Europeans, at least according to a statistical "anxiety" index based on rates of suicide, divorce, alcoholism and crime. The least anxious country in Europe is the Republic of Ireland, followed by Britain, with wealthy Austria, France and Germany at the top of the anxiety league.

However, as soon as we turn to those factors that determine happiness as revealed in the burgeoning psychological literature on Subjective Well Being, or SWB, the trends are almost all in the wrong direction, suggesting that the malaise in the British psyche can only get worse.

Personality, particularly a sanguine temperament, is a powerful influence on happiness but here we find British phlegmatism has been undermined by the neurosis-inducing activities of the health fanatics who have managed to persuade so many that the innocent pleasures of food, alcohol and sex are harmful, if not downright dangerous.

Unemployment is probably the major determinent of unhappiness. A survey in 1984 found that 19 per cent of Britons had become miserable or unhappy since losing their jobs, while a further 17 per cent had become restless and bad tempered.

The decline of those two institutions, marriage and the church, are probably significant. Religious faith and religious traditionalism relate positively to SWB, and a British study from 1979 confirmed that marriage was the strongest predictor of SWB even when education, income and occupation were accounted for.

The increase in numbers going into higher education does not seem to improve matters nor, paradoxically, does greater racial equality. Data from America shows that despite the great political advances made by blacks since the war, the élite — the more educated with higher status — have become less happy.

PETER LOMAS



Life's a beach: dispositions brighten with the weather

All in all it's a rather gloomy picture and Dr Ed Diener, of the Department of Psychology at the University of Illinois has even suggested that the positive effects of growth in real income can more than outweigh the negative ones by causing increasing pollution, congestion and stress.

It is almost surprising that there is anyone who is still happy at all, a point made by another psychologist, Dr Richard Bentall, from Liverpool University, who has sparked off a vigorous controversy in British psychiatry by asserting happiness is so rare that it should really be classified as a psychiatric disorder.

If people are asked if they are really happy rather than just "content with life", 35 per cent answer affirmitively. Further, Dr Bentall points out, happiness is caused by disturbances of the central nervous system and can be induced by epileptic seizures or by stimulating a discreet area of the left hemisphere of the brain.

He argues that the happy are often irrational, showing bias of judgment that prevents them from acquiring a realistic understanding of the world. "Happiness meets all reasonable criteria for a psychiatric disorder. It is statistically abnormal, it reflects abnormal functioning and is associated with a lack of contact with reality."

At the very least his idea is a good joke. And *that* can always be relied on to make people happy.

DR JAMES LE FANU

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■ It has a beginning and perhaps a middle, but how I wish it had an end

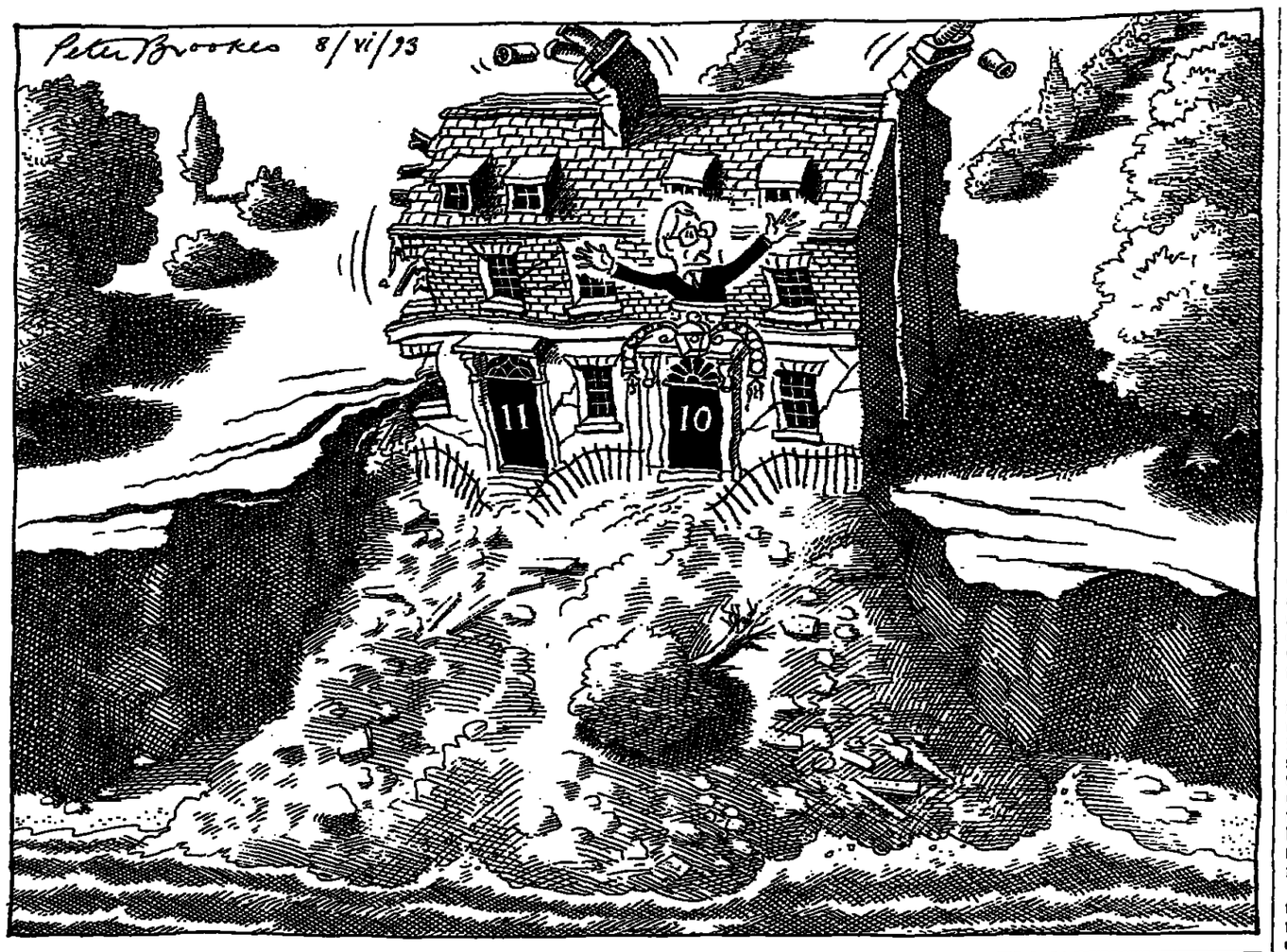
About a month ago, Alan Coren wrote a column on this page about the loss of his novel: and the story has intrigued me ever since. Perhaps I should just phone him, but on the other hand I feel I am too distant a relative to intrude on the grief. The thing is, he said he had been writing this novel on the quiet, had fetched up 20,000 words of it, and then lost the whole damn lot when his computer in France was nicked. As it is well-attested that a writer cannot possibly reconstruct the damn thing from memory, his novel-writing days were thus officially over, and it was no great tragedy. He was taking it surprisingly well.

Well, obviously one's chin wobbled a bit. A tear fell into one's Common Sense breakfast food. The man was so brave. The traditional lost manuscript (of which the lost hard disk is the modern equivalent) is a highly touching motif for anyone who has ever attempted a sustained piece of fiction. Our words are our children, you know. Remember the despair of Eilert Lovborg in *Hedda Gabler* when he realised he thoughtlessly abandoned his infant manuscript in a whorehouse? How the words "child murder" came up, and in his remorse he shuffled off into the dark Norwegian night with a revolver? I pictured the two gruff French burglars, both played by Arthur Mullard, breaking into Mr Coren's gaff and shining big rubber torches about. "Vous êtes coming wiv us," they said in deep voices, alighting on the computer. "Non, non," piped the novel, its eyes round with panic. "Papa! Papa!" "Har, har," they laughed, "Votre papa habeets en Crickdywood! Il est miles away." And then they threw a black sack over its head before . . . well, I can't go on.

But the reason I write this, is that at the same time as feeling Lovborgian empathy with Mr Coren's loss, I also feel intensely envious. You mean, your novel has just *gone*? Just like that? How absolutely fantastic. Personally, I have reached the late laborious paranoid stage in my own creative outpouring when its unfinished state gnaws at me like a constant reproach, and its mewlings for attention drive me mad with guilt. Which is why, whenever someone innocently asks "How's the novel?" I actually feel like screaming, or pulling a gun. "*Novel?*" I want to yell, waving the weapon in dangerous circles. "*Did you ask about my novel?*" I fumble with the trigger, wildly push back my fringe, and take a swig from a bottle. "What do you know about it? Just what do you think you know about it? You know *nothing*." — I start to sob, here — "Nothing, nothing . . ." The outburst tails off. I drop the gun. I give myself up. It's all over.

People are only being nice when they ask. To the enquirer, "How's the novel?" is like saying "How's your Mum?" — friendly, concerned, non-judgmental. All that's required by way of response is, "Fine thanks, how's yours?" But unfortunately this simple question, when filtered through the cornered-animal mentality of the weary last-lap novelist, is transformed into the sort of sneering insinuation that makes homicide justifiable. "It was peculiar," friends say to one another, when I pop out of the room. "All I said was 'How's the novel?' and look, she bit my hand." "Tsk, tsk," the others agree, shaking their heads and peeling back the fresh bandages on their own nicks and flayings. "How did you get those bruised ribs again, Terry?" "Well, we were at dinner, and she'd put down her knife and fork, and I said brightly, 'Have you finished?' That's all. And she flew at me."

They don't realise how sensitive you can get. They don't know what it's like to live constantly with this Tiny Tim of an unfinished book, sitting trusting and wistful in the inglenook of your consciousness waiting for you to fix its calipers and make it well. It's such a drag. My novel can do nothing independently; I can't pay somebody else to look after it in the afternoons; and if ultimately it gets botched, it will be nobody's fault but mine. So I keep thinking of Mr Coren's novel, kidnapped by ruffians, and considering whether, all in all, this unkind fate would not be preferable. "How's the novel?" people would ask, automatically ducking sideways and shielding their faces with their arms. "Oh, didn't I tell you?" I could say dolefully (as if sad). "It's gone." "What?" "Yes, I left it outside a supermarket, and just my luck, someone lured it away with a packet of crisps."



Of inhuman bondage

Slavery has reappeared in Britain, but the Home Office ignores the plight of workers who are treated as chattels

Bernard Levin

I have long been accustomed to ladies who write to me, almost invariably in green ink, revealing that the Archbishop of Canterbury is in the habit of climbing through their bedroom windows in the middle of the night and making improper advances to them. I am reluctant to take sides in such a matter without further evidence, but on balance I think that my correspondents' complaint is probably without foundation. Nevertheless, *you never know.*

So when I received a letter from Lord Hylton, accompanied by the text of a speech he had just made to the House of Lords, in which he declared in robust tones without any room for ambiguity, that in Britain, now, there are hundreds, perhaps thousands, of slaves, I wondered. *But you never know.*

I am glad that I did not at once reject this lurid claim, because within a few days, I had in my hands unchallengeable evidence of the truth of it. A book by Bridget Anderson, entitled *Britain's Secret Slaves* and published by Anti-Slavery International, has provided the copious evidence, scrupulously documented. There *are* slaves in Britain. What is more, you have all read of, or seen, the most notorious modern case of chattel slavery in this country — a case that cannot now be rejected as a single, untypical event.

Laxmi Swami is Indian by birth, and through a labour recruiter in India she got a job working as a domestic for two women members of the family of the Emir of Kuwait; I imagine that she was glad of the work, even though the pay was meagre. Her employers were two Kuwaiti princesses, immensely rich, who had no difficulty in entering Britain and staying here. They brought Mrs Swami with them, to be their lady's maid. Now listen to this: it describes what happened, in London, in Bayswater and in the late 1980s. She experienced:

> . . . beatings with a broomstick, a knotted electric flex or a horsewhip . . . she was never allowed out, and received no wages . . . she was whipped every day . . . On one occasion the two princesses forcibly removed her two gold teeth . . . They told her that one of her four children had been killed . . . and beat her when she broke down and cried. It was only years later that she discovered they had been lying. While in London the princesses frequently went out at 8 pm and returned home at two or three o'clock in the morning. While they were away Mrs Swami had to stand by the door exactly where they had left her . . . She slept, rarely more than two hours a night, on the floor outside the locked kitchen, drinking forbidden water from the bath tap. She was . . . often denied food altogether for days at a time. There was plenty of food, but it was in the dustbin and deliberately spoiled so that she could not eat it even if she managed to put her hands between the bars on the windows and reach it . . .

Mrs Swami, after four years, managed to escape, and by great good luck managed to prise the truth into British law; the result was that the two harpies had to pay her £300,000 in compensation for what she had suffered and for non-payment of wages. But it is absolutely essential, in thinking about this dreadful business, to understand that Mrs Swami's fate was only more horrible than most — the slavery, if not so sadistic, is going on at this moment, all over the country, and the British government condones it.

And more than condones it. Harken to the charming words of Lord Reay giving the Tory government's general view of such matters:

> Looking at our national interest, if wealthy investors, skilled workers and others with the potential to benefit our economy were unable to be accompanied by their domestic staff they might not come here at all but take their money and skills to other countries only too keen to welcome them.

It all began in the 1960s, with immigration from the Commonwealth; not very long before, it was virtually unhindered, and it was clear that there would have to be restrictions. So there were, and among the rules hastily erected was the principle of the "work permit". It was strictly applied; proof had to be forthcoming to show that the person claiming entry to do a job was properly equipped to do it, and that there was no indigenous worker available. The work permit, however, was given not to the employee, but to the employer: work permits were a means of tying the worker as closely as possible to the needs of the British economy.

But as the shape of industry changed, more and more quotas were closed, and in the end work permits for non-Europeans were restricted to highly skilled professionals and those with very high incomes. And that meant that there could be no non-European resident domestics in Britain. Yet there are enormous numbers of them, and these are not the equivalent of the American "wetbacks" (illegal immigrants seeking a better life). So how was the trick done?

It was done with a nod and a wink from our government. Concealing what was being done, immigration officers were told that they could allow in "A person engaged abroad as a domestic servant, who has been in the service of the employer for more than 12 months . . .", but domestic workers are, therefore, not given an immigration status independent of the household they work for. *So they are treated as members of the household, and cannot have a status as an employee.*

And that is where the slaves come in, but rarely come out. How about Demsee, from Sierra Leone? She did everything for her Lebanese master, feeding the baby, cleaning the house, doing the garden, cooking, chauffeuring, acting as watchman. She was given no food other than leftovers and stale bread, and from the age of nine on she was consistently beaten and raped by her slave-master, *in London.*

Eventually, she escaped, but had only the status of an illegal immigrant.

Or do you prefer Rosaline, from Nigeria? She was brought to Sheffield, where she was not allowed out, slept on the floor, made to kneel on the floor for two hours, and had a working day of 18 hours. She too escaped, and indeed got damages, but she was another illegal immigrant and liable to immediate deportation.

But the story of Mahesh surely beats the lot. Brought to London, having been promised that she would have a good job as housekeeper and a chance of a good education, she found herself imprisoned in the household, with long hours, no education and constant physical and psychological abuse. She escaped, but her owner had omitted to keep her visa up to date, and because she did not understand her situation, did not realise that she was liable to deportation. She settled down, and lived in London for several years; she found a job in a good family, and she finally got the education. But she was picked up as an illegal immigrant and imprisoned for six months while her position was considered by the Home Office, which in practice meant that she would have no chance. MPs and peers, together with organisations such as Anti-Slavery International, pleaded for her; a judicial review obtained in the High Court was ignored by the Home Office, and finally that monstrous place announced that she would be deported, though not before she served two further months of imprisonment. She was deported to Nepal where she knew no one. When Miss Anderson's book went to press, Mahesh had no money and no job.

And all the Home Office says is that the slaves have full protection under the law, a claim so cruelly untrue that even I, perhaps the most diligent collector of Home Office impudences and mendacities (I have been studying them for at least 30 years), could not at first believe it.

And yet, how little would be required to put right this wrong. To give such slaves a status, as working in Britain, not as a chattel; to give them a right to change employers; to allow them a right to settle in Britain, provided that they have spent four years working here; and above all, a general amnesty for those who flee their slave-masters, only to find that they are permanently displaced persons.

In the first eight months of 1992 (the most recent figures), 8,000 domestic workers came to Britain. Add those already here and we have a huge pool of totally vulnerable innocents. The least we can do is to ensure that they are protected.

❑ In castigating Leeds University for trying to banish the word "British" recently, I got the wrong Leeds University. The daft one is the new Leeds Metropolitan, formerly Leeds Polytechnic, and the "real" one was guiltless. Apologies.

Within a City wall

Lawrence Freedman on defying the IRA

The news that City institutions are working hard on plans to improve security against further IRA attacks of the sort that devastated Bishopsgate in April comes as no surprise. Many of the proposed measures are evidently prudent. There is, however, an underlying theme which deserves more consideration.

According to some reports, the idea is to turn a defined area of the City of London into an effective fortress — a "ring of steel" — including, for example, exit and entry points to ensure that incoming vehicles carry special permits. There are four predictable responses to the idea.

First, will the disruption caused by its implementation exceed that which might be caused by another successful IRA raid? Second, is it really possible to seal off one of the busiest areas in the world from terrorist intruders? Even if easy references to the Trojan Horse and the Maginot Line are resisted, military history is not particularly encouraging to those seeking to keep enemies at bay by means of physical barriers.

Third, given this, is there not a risk that such a policy will be an inciterment to the IRA? It is no great achievement to drive a load of high-explosives into a lax security environment, but think of the propaganda coup if it were done in the teeth of an enormous security effort.

Fourth, if the barrier is sufficiently formidable, will it not simply divert the IRA towards targets just outside the fortress? Are they not going to feel somewhat more vulnerable for being denied the protection accorded to similar institutions a few metres away? If this logic is followed, then the coverage would have to be extended until the whole of London had been ring-fenced.

There is a fifth question, too, about the specific needs of the City. There is a fundamental issue here of a strategic rather than simply a security nature. Is the City of London, as a special target, deserving of special measures?

The IRA is following a classic guerrilla method: attempting to harass and frustrate the authorities rather than take them on in a straight fight, seeking to wear them down by stretching their defences through a demonstrated ability to strike anywhere at any time. In contrast to a traditional war, the objective is not to seize territory and defend it, but to weaken the state and to force it into political concessions.

As the security services never tire of saying, the best response to such a threat lies in quality intelligence and surveillance, catching the terrorists before they can mount their raids. As part of this, it does make sense to focus on premium targets. The terrorists can use the advantages of mobility and surprise to catch the police unawares with a new set of targets, but then they risk losing the impetus of a sustained campaign.

The Bishopsgate bomb has shown once again that the City is a premium target. Here a single blast can cause hundreds of millions of pound worth of damage and threaten London's status as an international financial centre. It can also cause arguments between the economic establishment and the government over who is to pay for enhanced security or compensation.

Destruction of buildings and the disruption of the lives of relatively rich people and organisations does not excite the same degree of human sympathy as did the murder of infants in Warrington. Those affected in the City do not see the risk of being blown up as one that comes with the job, as might be the case with the police, armed services or even politicians. Attacks on the City can apparently threaten a key pillar of the British economy. The IRA does not need first-class honours in political science to realise that it might be on to something.

Recognising that the City is a premium IRA target does not make the design of a special security system any easier or less controversial, but it does reinforce the claim that the interests at stake are strategic as much as commercial.

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New flag staff

BRITISH AIRWAYS may not have been the world's favourite airline for the whole of Lord King's shift at the corporate joystick, but it was always number one with the Conservative party. Times change though, as Lord King, now upgraded to company president, is aware.

Just how much is shown by the fact that BA is now calling upon the services of Neil Kinnock — though it is after Kinnock the broadcaster rather than Kinnock the politician. BA has asked him to present its in-flight news programme for July, focusing on a tour of his beloved Wales.

Filming for what sounds suspiciously like Kinnock the commercial begins today. Appropriately for the one home nation that still looks like qualifying for the World Cup, the recording will start in Cardiff Arms Park. Less appropriately for a country supposed to be looking forward rather than back, Kinnock kicks off with an interview with Gareth Edwards.

British Airways is delighted with Kinnock, who devised the itinerary and wrote his own commentary. "Neil Kinnock stands for Wales," says a BA spokesman. The member for Islwyn is by no means the first politician to present the in-flight entertainment. Roy Hattersley has done the Palace of Westminster, and Michael Heseltine did the virtues of Docklands. Distinctly short haul, that last one.



● *The new MI6 building at Albert Embankment on the south bank of the Thames is proving something of an attraction to local burglars. Crime prevention officers were summoned to the building yesterday after the second break-in within a week. National security, however, does not appear to have been at risk. The thief made it as far as the canteen, before making off with a box of crisps and some chocolates.*

DIARY

Polls apart

IT MAY HAVE been a wonderful Sunday night for Felipe Gonzalez, the Spanish prime minister, but for the opinion pollsters, Spain's national election was another night of unmitigated gloom.

Spain's national papers were understandably in full cry yesterday after taking the pollsters' word and predicting the wrong results. They pointed out that the exit polls were so awry that the secretary-general of the conservative Popular Party, Javier Arenas, claimed victory soon after voting closed. Hours later, he was forced into a humiliating and acrimonious climbdown.

Señor Graciano Viejo of Inter-Gallup-SA is suitably chastened. "The problem is that politics in Spain are not stable. Pollsters have to find typical polling stations that over the years have reflected the national trend. But that is very hard because it's so variable."

Howe: it's done

AS Norman Lamont ponders whether to break his silence over his dismissal as Chancellor, he might like to consider an open letter of advice from Lord Howe, who is, of course, no slouch when it comes to the well-aimed resignation address.

Howe, seated behind Lady Thatcher in the Lords yesterday when she spoke against Maastricht, reflects in the *House Magazine* on the speech that led to her downfall. "I don't regret my resignation speech, only that it was necessary for me to make it. It is impossible to have regrets if you have held the offices that I have been lucky enough to hold." It all sounds like another chorus of *Je ne regrette rien.*

His master's voice

UNCOMFORTABLE times at Emmanuel College, Cambridge. The master, Lord St John of Fawsley, is under fire from his undergraduates for comments he made on ITN's lunchtime news last week. Fawsley said he was "very encouraged by the fact that nearly all my undergraduates are quite strong monarchists".

The sight of their master's words, pinned to a college noticeboard by one rebellious student, has spurred 58 members to draw up a letter of protest, which has been sent to Fawsley and to national newspapers. "No kind of survey has been made in college of this matter, and as such the master's comments have no factual basis," they write.

The college's student union treasurer Curtis Ledger hopes that the protest will stop Fawsley taking their name in vain in future. "Everyone knows he's an outspoken supporter of the monarch, but if he could say this about the monarchy then he could do it about capital punishment."

Fawsley is relaxed, although he refuses to say whether his comment was correct. "I was only speaking of my own experience, but anyway, I think it's marvellous. Everyone should be free to express their own opinion. It shows they are taking an interest. I plan neither retribution nor retraction."

● *Just as temperatures were soaring to record levels in London yesterday, Islington Labour councillors were discussing a proposal to end the occupation by parents and staff of two nursery schools threatened with closure. The plan? Switching off the heating to freeze them out. Well it should work . . . eventually.*



Windsor and Eton open house

Has the Queen started a trend? The opening of Buckingham Palace has inspired the editor of the *Eton College Chronicle*, Alastair Roberts, to suggest that Eton should follow suit. In the current issue he writes: "If the Queen can open her house to the public, why can't we?"

He rails against ignorance and prejudice: "How often do we read in the papers that top hats are still *de rigueur*, that Eton is still a barbaric rite of passage for the sons of the upper class?"

Nor did the *Cutting Edge* documentary, repeated over the weekend, deliver what its title promised, says Roberts. "A Day in the Life of Eton College" was just too nice, he says. It was "overly cautious and [did] little to break down the prejudice we so fear".

The prospect of Eton granting full access may be exciting news for film-makers, but it does not please Eton's headmaster, Eric Anderson. He says: "He seems to have forgotten that we have 35,000 tourists a year through here."

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THE SMITH PROBLEM

Labour makes opposition look even harder than usual

While John Major has been teetering at the brink, John Smith has been attacked for not pushing him farther forward. Until this week, however, the Labour leader could reassure himself that he was doing the right thing, pushing to make his own party electable rather than to land an almost impossible knock-out blow against the Tories. Yesterday, however, it became clear how hard was his chance of doing either.

Mr Smith is now set to be pilloried from seafront to seafront as each union conference follows one upon the other. At the Labour conference itself he must fight for "one man one vote". As his supporters so clearly say, it is a necessary touchstone of a modern democratic party. Eventually he must win. But the battle will be long.

Mr Smith should not despair on those grounds alone. Tory as well as Labour leaders have been pilloried in equal measure as they strove to oppose the government and improve their parties. Edward Heath and Margaret Thatcher, when in opposition, received regular maulings from their own side. Hugh Gaitskell was forced to fight, fight and fight again the Labour party he loved so much. Michael Foot and Neil Kinnock were also victims of devastating "friendly fire". And yet, judged by the inevitable standard of the young Harold Wilson who led Labour to victory after 13 dispiriting years in the wilderness of "Tory misrule", Mr Smith is found wanting. In the views of many Labour supporters, his present difficulties are worse than they need be.

It is not clear that he has grasped just how comprehensive were Mrs Thatcher's victories. Following years of Tory defeatism in which its leaders accepted the ratchet effect of socialism, a Conservative government vanquished the ideas as well as the voting strength of the opposition. The high ground of ideology has been lost by the Labour party. There is still much to play for in the changing role of the state, the turning of welfare clients into customers and the setting of priorities for taxing and spending. But the hoof-beat of history's horse has gone by; the old shibboleths are in the dust; and with them, Mr Smith's style of leadership.

The argument is now to be conducted on Tory terms, however precarious the government's current predicament. "Meet the challenge, make the change" was a brave slogan under Kinnock. Mr Smith, with his ditherings on Clause 4 of the Labour party's constitution, his prevarication on one man one vote, his conservatism over policies that provide universal benefits for the rich as well as the poor, has failed to meet that challenge. He has clothed his party in the mantle of Europe and is now suffering the consequences. It is not easy to attack government economic policy when you approve of its central plank, as Labour did until last September in its blind adherence to the Exchange Rate Mechanism.

Then there are personal matters: the charge of Mr Smith's unsuccessful rival for the Labour leadership, Bryan Gould, still sticks: what does he of Britain know who only Scotland knows? Mr Smith's undoubted forensic intelligence does not translate easily to the preoccupations of the South. England's class system and its schooling (for worse, perhaps, rather than better) differ from the Scottish, continental model. Mr Smith has yet to prove that he appreciates the difference. In Glasgow, Labour is the party of the establishment; in London it is not.

Above all, Mr Smith is failing to show the low cunning Mr Wilson displayed in his pursuit of office at the last nadir of Tory fortunes. With the government in such terrible disarray he lacks any relish for the kill. His lack of relish in attacking Tories is now used by unions as reason why he has not earned the right to attack them.

SOMALIA'S OUTLAWS

The UN's credibility has been put to a dramatic test

Operation Restore Hope, the predominantly American deployment in Somalia last December, was launched with the blessing of the United Nations Security Council to end by main force a man-made famine in which 350,000 had already died. In this, it succeeded. The weekend ambush of a Pakistani contingent of UN peacekeepers could put that achievement in question. The UN must now act with unprecedented vigour. The warlords who destroyed hope in the first place must finally be brought to heel.

The Americans saw themselves as the cavalry, the UN as sheriff. Somalia's warlords have committed brutal crimes under the Geneva convention but the Americans, over-anxious not to be drawn into Somalia's complex and murderous clan politics, preferred to negotiate with them than to arrest them. They failed to search out and destroy all undeclared weaponry. And they allowed each warlord to keep his armed entourage, preserving the warlord culture.

The fuse General Aidid lit this weekend was thus laid. The Americans imposed order before handing over last month to the less numerous and much less formidably armed Unosom II, the UN mission in Somalia. But, as Washington's decision to leave a rapid reaction force in place tacitly acknowledged, they had not created the conditions for Somalia to be policed by lightly armed units in unprotected vehicles.

The deterrent effect of UN peacekeeping worldwide has been eroded by Western vacillation over Bosnia. General Aidid and his three main rivals, murderers rich on the proceeds of extortion and powerful by virtue of the terror they instil, have formally committed themselves to peace but have everything to lose by it. They appear to have calculated that Unosom's main political backers will buckle under what Sunday's security council resolution accurately describes as "a calculated and premeditated" campaign of intimidation.

Both to restore respect for the UN and to help ordinary Somalis find the courage to join in reconstructing their country, these men must be proved wrong. The security council's unanimous response has the requisite toughness, provided it is resolutely followed through. It was naive to expect the warlords, who usurped Somalia's traditional clan leaderships, to co-operate; they must be removed from the political process, and their followers compelled to lay down their arms.

That means that men discovered armed outside the agreed cantonments must know that they will be shot on sight, that weapons and ammunition under UN control must be diverted to UN use or destroyed, and that the huge hidden arsenals must be unearthed. These measures, if applied across the board, would have broad Somali support. But the UN force will need to be more heavily armed and brought up to full strength if it is to enforce its new broad mandate.

Britain should work with America to see that the appeal for armoured personnel carriers, attack helicopters and tanks made by Pakistan, which has creditably insisted that its troops will stay, is speedily met. In Liberia and Angola, the fire is raging out of control as this week's dreadful massacres confirm, but a settlement in Somalia is still attainable though it will take money and time. The impetus provided by the Americans is still there. The alternative to an aggressive UN reaction to General Aidid's calculated defiance is a retreat that would damage far more than peace in the Horn.

R. I. P. ROBBINS

Students must now contribute to higher education

The proposal at the London School of Economics to charge undergraduates up to £1,000 in tuition fees from October 1994 should prompt a thorough re-examination of the future of university funding in this country. Three decades after the Robbins report promised the right to free higher education, the LSE deserves praise for reopening a debate which ought to be at the heart of the current public spending review.

The government's university policy aspires to two goals which are equally worthy but potentially contradictory: expansion and cost-effectiveness. The funding councils already reward institutions that take on more students without full funding or find private capital for construction work. Teaching facilities are being used much more efficiently; four-year undergraduate courses are being discouraged. Lucky Jim is shedding fat fast.

But ministers are also promoting a massive expansion of the university sector in the hope that one school-leaver in three will soon be in higher education. John Major can be proud of this revolution in educational access. But he has yet to confront its financial implications, and to heed the warning of the vice-chancellors, who estimate that at least £2 billion will be necessary in the next few years.

Plainly, the extra cash is not going to be squeezed from the taxpayer. Some of it may be raised from private benefactors, but most will have to come from the beneficiaries of higher education themselves. Alarmed by the cost of expansion, other universities are likely to follow the LSE's lead. It is entirely possible that a university education may become too expensive for the moderately affluent parent whose children are not entitled to scholarship and bursary funds. Expansion will be thwarted and middle class voters alienated.

The government should declare without embarrassment that the right to a completely free higher education has been made obsolete by the increase in undergraduate numbers and the need to restrain public spending. Ministers should not seek to transfer liability from the state to parents but enable students themselves to contribute in later life to the cost of their education.

The success of the student loan scheme shows that young people are already conceding this principle. Yet they can borrow no more than £830 a year. A better model of undergraduate credit is to be found in the Australian Higher Education Contribution Scheme which enables students to borrow their tuition and maintenance costs and repay the loan through the tax system, as quickly or as slowly as their income allows. The scheme, underwritten but not funded by the state, has already enabled Australian universities to expand by almost a quarter since 1989. Vice-chancellors in this country would support such a system vigorously. It is time for the government to declare the Robbins report dead and look for something better.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Testing the quality of the teachers and the taught

From Professor Sally Tomlinson

Sir, At a time when rational debate over our education system is very much needed, your editorial, "War in the classroom" (June 3), seems intemperate. Your readers should know that what has united heads, parents, teachers, governors and others is not opposition to testing, or to school accountability, but to the form current tests take and the attempt to use test results of individual children to make spurious comparisons between schools.

The "league tables" published so far do not take pupil progress into account and therefore do not tell us which schools are more effective. The tests for seven-year-olds do not provide parents or teachers with information on how to help the children improve.

University departments and colleges of higher education which work in close partnership with schools to train teachers do not reject "objective standards". My colleague, Professor Paul Black at King's College, chaired the task group which developed the ten levels of attainment for test purposes. Neither do the departments and colleges have "overweening influence".

I fear that in repeating such prejudiced opinions you may lend support to those in government who wish to reintroduce non-graduate status and a lower-skilled teaching force at a time when our economic competitors overseas are requiring graduate status and higher skill levels of all their teachers.

Yours faithfully,
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From the Headmaster of Clifton College

Sir, As the head of an independent school, I support testing. Indeed, our own internal system reports every three weeks on progress and achievement. But its merit is that it was devised by my staff to fit our needs. It is quick and effective.

We all believe testing imposed by bureaucrats in order to produce statistics is neither helpful nor logical. Mr Patten is not dealing with militant, neo-marxist activists. He is dealing with committed and concerned teachers who have a wide range of views, but who are united in seeing imposed testing as crude and time-wasting.

Yours faithfully,
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From Miss Beatrice Deayton

Sir, Systematic testing is a long-established practice in secondary schools; so is the keeping of careful records in primary schools.

No one with any insight into teaching can believe that teachers themselves are uninterested in the results of their teaching, or content to proceed to the next stage of any learning process without knowing how successfully the lesson has been learnt or the skill mastered.

True, there may be no standard report form, issued from on high, from school to parents, but many schools make provision for this, in spite of an often discouraging lack of response from parents.

Where, I wonder, are the students who owe their higher education places to their teachers as well as to their own abilities? Are they not prepared to acknowledge their debt to their schools and, if only in part, to set the record straight?

Yours faithfully,
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Arundel, West Sussex.

From Mr David J. S. Long

Sir, Perhaps some of the head teachers who shouted down Mr Patten at their conference (report, June 3) would like to explain how they expect those whom they teach to show respect, observe discipline and accord freedom of speech to them when they are manifestly unable to practise what they preach.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID J. LONG,
4 Netherby Close,
Tring, Hertfordshire.

From Mr Allen Baker

Sir, It is sad to see the reluctance of our head teachers to accept a simple process of consumer audit. Unfortunately, they have failed to keep their house in order.

The standard of education in this country has become a source of concern for those interested in the future. Parents and other responsible citizens want information on educational performance. It is not for the teaching profession to suppose we are unfit to interpret the data.

The medical profession has been called to task and audit is accepted. It seems that teachers feel they are above such mundane affairs. I trust for the sake of the next generation that is not the case.

Yours sincerely,
ALLEN BAKER
(Consultant orthopaedic surgeon),
Bridge House, Bridge End,
Bromham, Bedford.
June 2.

From Mr Fred Naylor

Sir, The attempt by the National Association of Headteachers to coerce governing bodies into passing resolutions not to report this year's test results should be firmly resisted.

If any governing body decides to challenge the authority of Parliament in this way the insurance which the local council has taken out to indemnify governors will automatically lapse. In the event of a legal challenge by parents governors could find themselves liable for heavy costs.

There is no mention of league tables in the legal requirement to publish test results. The issue is therefore simply whether the results achieved by individual schools should be available in a convenient form for parents considering their options.

Yours &c,
FRED NAYLOR
(Honorary Secretary),
The Parental Alliance
for Choice in Education,
2 Kingsdown House,
Kingsdown, Corsham, Wiltshire.
June 2.

From the Leader of Wandsworth Council

Sir, You report (June 7) that a measure of the effectiveness of the teachers' boycott of schools' tests is the fact that only one local education authority school in Wandsworth will complete all the tests. A better gauge is the fact that the majority of 14-year-olds in Wandsworth's schools will sit most of the papers.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD LISTER,
Leader's Room, The Town Hall,
Wandsworth High Street, SW18.
June 7.

Effect of divorce on body and spirit

From Rabbi Dr Sidney Brichto

Sir, Professor Sir Bryan Thwaites (letter, June 3) accuses the Archbishop of Canterbury of disregarding the "spiritual values of lifelong marriage, in favour of a muddled mixture of social reality and 'traditional morality' (whatever that may mean)".

Traditional morality is morality based on the social realities of the past. Biblical divorce is an illustration of this. As the woman was considered a totally dependent creature, she had an inferior legal status. She could be sent away by her husband but could not do the same to him.

With the new reality of increased independence of women, which all morally sensitive people welcome, the changed situation requires a different and more enlightened moral response.

The understanding and compassion that the Archbishop of Canterbury has displayed for those suffering a loveless marriage may drive some away from the Anglican Church, but will save many more from turning away from religion when it does not constructively respond to their proper human needs.

Faithfully yours,
SIDNEY BRICHTO
(Senior Vice-President),
Union of Liberal and
Progressive Synagogues,
The Montagu Centre,
12-14 Clipstone Street, W1.
June 3.

From the Vicar of Jesmond

Sir, It is not only the Bible that is against divorce (Mr David Watson's letter, June 3).

In a 1991 report by the marriage research body One plus One, divorce is blamed for causing headaches, muscular tension, hypertension, chest pains and psychiatric illness. Women from broken homes are said to be seven times more likely to be heavy drinkers; men between 35 and 45 are twice as likely to die early. Women are three times as likely to attempt suicide, while men are twice as likely to die from heart disease. Cancer rates are higher among the divorced.

Children suffer from divorce, not just in feeling betrayed and unloved. They are four times as likely to suffer stomach ulcers or colitis by the age of 26, says One plus One. If parents divorce before they are five, children are twice as likely to be delinquent before they are 21. Many underachieve. An unhappy but intact family may not be their worst fate.

Mr George Brown, author of a standard legal guide on divorce, estimates in his book, *The Decay of Marriage*, that broken marriages cost Britain £10 billion a year. So sexual and marital behaviour is clearly not a purely private matter.

Chastity and fidelity are not only virtues: they also pay in terms of health and cash.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HOLLOWAY,
7 Otterburn Terrace,
Newcastle upon Tyne.

Lack of legal aid

From Mr Peter M. Davies

Sir, I was recently instructed by a lady unfortunate enough to be involved in a road traffic accident as a rear-seat passenger. Owing to the negligence of another driver she suffered two fractured ribs, a broken collar bone and fracture of the sternum.

I discovered that she was a widowed pensioner aged 60 whose only income was her pension of about £64 a week with no savings. Under the changes to eligibility introduced by this government she is ineligible for basic "green form" advice because her disposable income exceeds £61 a week.

I advised her that she seemed to have a reasonable prospect of success and that I would apply for a legal aid certificate to cover the costs of legal representation whilst we either negotiated a settlement with the third party's insurers or had to issue court proceedings to recover damages on her behalf.

She then received an offer of legal aid telling her to pay £18.90 a month for the lifetime of the case. She cannot afford this and on the face of it is without legal assistance.

I have decided to take the case on as I believe she will receive a reasonable sum of money. I wonder whether the government or the Lord Chancellor's Department realises that a woman such as my client is ineligible for basic legal aid advice and is asked to pay a contribution for a certificate.

Those on income support or family credit automatically receive free legal advice. Why was this not extended to my client, who surely falls within the same category?

Yours faithfully,
P. M. DAVIES,
Davey Son & Jones (solicitors),
10-12 Dollar Street,
Cirencester,
Gloucestershire.
June 6.

In other words

From Mr Raymond W. Lipton

Sir, In support of Bernard Levin's sentiments ("All Joe McCarthy's children now", June 1), I suggest "intellectually inept" as the politically correct term for "politically correct".

Yours truly,
R. LIPTON,
Caudell Green Farm,
Carbrooke, Thetford, Norfolk.

Mind the doors

From Mr J. R. T. Wilson

Sir, Those automatic doors (letters, May 26, 28): past experience indicates that they close fastest when one is neither "in" nor "out".

Yours faithfully,
JAMES WILSON,
Andridge House, Radnage,
High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

Lords on Maastricht

From the Earl of Shrewsbury

Sir, The debate in the House of Commons on the Treaty on European Union was anguished and difficult. For the most part it succeeded only in creating confusion in the country at large.

Yet the Maastricht bill does pose a very crucial question — do the British people want to become citizens of a unitary European state? On such vital constitutional changes it has become customary to consult the voters through a referendum. This procedure applied in the case of membership of the EEC and devolution in Scotland and Wales.

As the bill now comes to the Lords, this is probably the last chance of obtaining a popular referendum which the government and Opposition have so far refused.

The Lords should not feel inhibited about amending the bill to include such a referendum. Indeed, it would possibly be acting as the House of Commons might have done, given a free vote. This is therefore a rare occasion when the peers of the realm have the opportunity to ensure that the British people have a say about their future.

Yours faithfully,
SHREWSBURY,
Wanfield Hall, Kingstone,
Uttoxeter, Staffordshire.
June 4.

Own medicine

From Mr John Cosson

Sir, Would it not be to the advantage of the UK were M Delors and his colleagues to be restricted to a 48-hour working week?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN COSSON,
5 Ewhurst Close,
St Helen's Park Road,
Hastings, East Sussex.
June 2.

Sitting comfortably?

From Mrs Judy Denham

Sir, "What about the wives that get left at home, often with very little to do to while away the time?" asks Alice Thomson ("Marriage under fire", May 27). Admittedly there must be a yawning gap left by not having to warm his slippers by the fire, prepare a three-course candle-lit dinner and spend the afternoon preening and perfuming and deciding which shade of silk lingerie to wear to greet the returning hero each evening.

I can see that running a home, juggling the finances, chauffeuring the children, helping with homework, walking the dog, wallpapering the bedroom, digging up the potatoes and patching a leaking roof can all be done before breakfast prior to leaving for work, without the assistance of a first lieutenant. Excuse me while I go and put out the dustbins.

Yours faithfully,
J. DENHAM,
Upper Shortlands, Mudgley Road,
Wedmore, Somerset.

The second giant leap

From Mr Graham Heald

Sir, On July 21, 1969, by my calculation, 8,724 days after the formal ending of the second world war, Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon as the culmination of a project which inspired the post-war generation.

On June 8, 1993, 8,724 days after the first moon walk, what human endeavour inspires the present generation?

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM HEALD,
Yews Old Farmhouse,
Hollington,
nr Newbury, Berkshire.
June 7.

An eye on the Earth

From Professor Paul M. Mather

Sir, Mr Frank Miles (letter, May 26) accuses the British National Space Centre (BNSC) of "wasting" £160 million per year, and suggests that the UK has virtually pulled out of the European Space Agency (ESA). In fact, Earth observation by remote sensing has, through UK leadership, become a priority for the ESA, and the ESA's earlier extravagant plans for manned space flight have been dropped.

On the prime minister's initiative, the BNSC coordinated an international study of the potential of Earth observation prior to the 1992 Rio environment conference.

Furthermore, BNSC has encouraged and supported academic and industrial research to extend our knowledge of Earth observation and its applications through the award of joint industry-university research grants.

Of BNSC's £167 million budget for 1992-3, £84 million goes to Earth observation, £46 million to the support of science, and £20 million to space communications. About 66 per cent (£106 million) is contributed via ESA. If this is failure, let's have more of it.

Incidentally, I think that British Aerospace (Space Systems) Ltd will be perplexed to learn of their demise, reported by Mr Miles.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL M. MATHER,
University of Nottingham,
Department of Geography,
University Park, Nottingham.
May 30.

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South Africa inquests

From Mr John Bridcut

Sir, I must contest your obituarist's claim (May 29) that Dr Jonathan Gluckman "found himself testifying at inquests on numerous occasions and clashing vigorously with the [South African] authorities" over deaths in police custody. Dr Gluckman did indeed give evidence at the famous Biko inquest in 1977. But, when making a *Dispatches* documentary for Channel 4 this year, he told me that that had been the exception: the rest of the time he was hardly ever called to an inquest.

The reason for this was that, in less celebrated cases, inquests were not held in open court, but "informally" by magistrates and police officers, often without the deceased's relatives or lawyers being told. So, when Gluckman's medical findings were in conflict with the official reason for death, they were not presented, let alone tested, in court.

In the last few months of his life, he was called to more inquests (he told me) than he had been in the previous ten years, and he took that to mean that his public outburst had had some effect — an outburst for which this iniquitous inquest system was in part responsible.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN BRIDCUT
(Producer, *The Gluckman Files*),
Pine Lodge, 12 Highfield Gardens,
Liss, Hampshire.

Travel tips

From Mr Geoff Buckley

Sir, Now that continental-style tolls may be introduced on our motorways (report, May 27; letters, June 2) can we not adopt the French habit of giving our motorways a name as well as a number? Their A6 is the Autoroute du Soleil, their A11 l'Océane and so on, presumably conveying some attribute of the road or its eventual destination.

Might I suggest that we name the M6 Autoroute de la Pluie and the M40 Sanstoilettes. But what about the M1 and the M25?

Yours sincerely,
G. BUCKLEY,
50 Cranmore Road,
Chislehurst, Kent.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 7: The Duke of Edinburgh, Master, this evening attended the Younger Brethren's Dinner, Trinity House, London EC3.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 7: The Prince of Wales this morning visited Lancaster and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Lancashire (Mr Simon Towneley).

His Royal Highness named a British Rail Locomotive "City of Lancaster".

The Prince of Wales, Patron, Landmark Trust, later visited the Music Room.

His Royal Highness afterwards received the Freedom of the City of Lancaster.

The Prince of Wales subsequently visited the Ashton Memorial, Williamson Park.

His Royal Highness then visited Lancaster Castle.

The Prince of Wales, Patron, Royal Society of Nature Conservation, this afternoon opened the English Nature's National Nature Reserve, Ingleborough, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for North Yorkshire (Sir Marcus Worsley, Bt).

Commander Richard Aylard RN was in attendance.

His Royal Highness this evening attended the Saudi-British Society 1933 Annual Dinner, the Cafe Royal, Regent Street, London SW1.

Mr Stephen Lamport was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 7: The Princess Royal, Patron, SENSE, the National Deaf-Blind Rubella Association, this morning visited Carnbooth School, Carmunnock, Glasgow, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Glasgow (Mr Robert Innes, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, later visited the fund's shop, 16 Princes Square, East Kilbride, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Lanarkshire (Mr Hutchinson Burt Sneddon).

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this afternoon visited the Rosemount Project Base, 331 Charles Street, Royston, Glasgow.

Her Royal Highness afterwards attended the launch of "Children in Scotland", City Chamber, Glasgow.

Mrs David Bowes-Lyon was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 7: The Duke of Gloucester, Commissioner, English Heritage, this morning opened the Building Conservation Training Centre, Fort Brockhurst, Gosport, Hampshire.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Hampshire (Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Scott Bt).

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 7: The Duke of Kent this morning visited the John Hampden Grammar School, Marlow Hill, High Wycombe and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire (Commander the Honourable John Freemantle). His Royal Highness later visited the Wycombe District Council, Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe.

The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this afternoon visited Harrison and Sons Limited, Harrison House, Coates Lane, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

The Duke of Kent later visited the Evreham Youth Centre, Evreham School Site, Swallow Street, Iver and was met on arrival by Mr John Paterson (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire).

Commander Roger Walker, RN, was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this evening attended a dinner hosted by the British Lebanese Association at the Dorchester Hotel, London SW1.

Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
June 7: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy this evening attended a Reception to commemorate International Multiple Sclerosis Year at 11 Downing Street, London SW1.

The Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance.

Luncheon

Rotary Club of London
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Defence, was the speaker at a luncheon of the Rotary Club of London held yesterday at the London Marriott Hotel. Mr Neville Shulman, president, was in the chair.

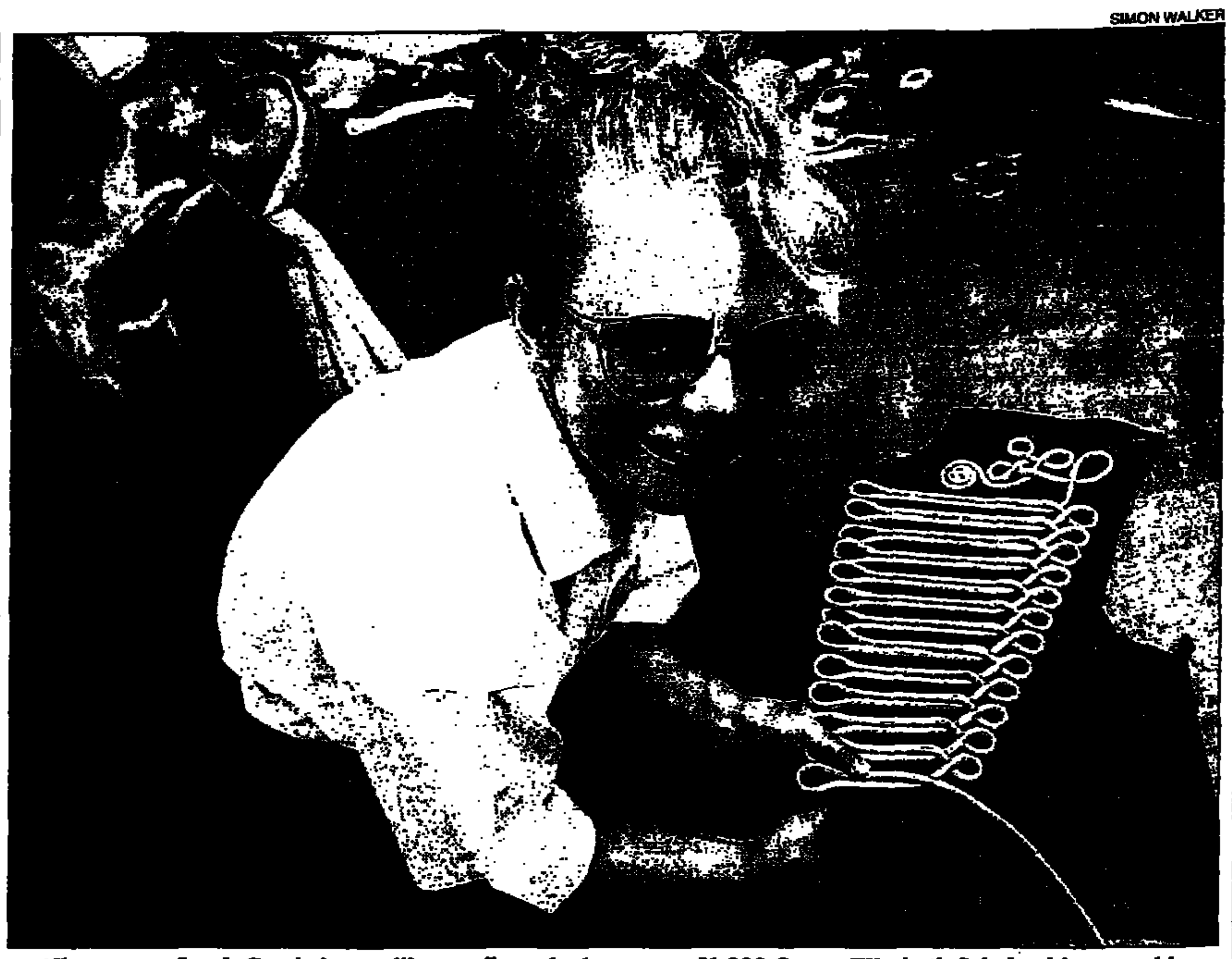
Reception

HM Government
Sir Hector Monro, Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, was host at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government last night in Edinburgh Castle to mark the 10th annual meeting of the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation.

Latest wills

Recent wills include (net, before tax paid):
Mr Eric Lewis **Snowdon**, of Orpington, Kent £595,282
Doris **Stavel**, of Sevenoaks, Kent £522,048
Mr Thomas Albert **Summers**, of Bexley, Kent £679,059
Mrs Frances **Ashby**, of Winchester, Hants £821,220
Mr David Edward **Atkinson**, of Yelverton, Devon £724,834
Mrs Marion **Cairns**, of Harrogate, North Yorks £548,497
Mr Douglas Scott **Cowan**, of Rugeley, Staffs £1,370,797
Mr Peter **Cox**, of St Albans, Herts £1,322,195
Lilah Rose **Fortescue**, of Cirencester, Glouce £523,548
Mr Frank **Gadd**, of Stragglethorpe, Notts £638,617
Mrs Ida Albertha **Harmer**, of Bognor Regis, West Sussex £854,652
Mr Bernard **Levy**, of Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex £1,004,722
Mr John Alan **McGregor**, of Adel, Leeds £595,769

SIMON WALKER



All sewn up: Sarah Goodwin, a military tailor, who has won a £1,800 Queen Elizabeth Scholarship to enable her to learn the skills of gold and silver embroidery. The annual scholarships are designed to advance education in crafts and trades, particularly those associated with royal warrant holding firms

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will attend a garden party given by the 2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards, at Burtons Court, SW3, at 3.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as master, will attend a court meeting and luncheon at Trinity House at 11.25; and, as patron, will attend the Air League annual reception at the British Airways flight crew training centre at Heathrow at 6.15.

The Prince of Wales, as a Liveryman of the Pewterers' Company, will present the prizes for the annual pewter design competition at Pewterers' Hall at 11.30; and will attend and present the 1993 Queen Elizabeth scholarship awards at the annual luncheon of the Royal Warrant Holders Association at the London Hilton on Park Lane at 12.45.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the International Spinal Research Trust, will visit the spinal injury unit at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, at 11.45; as Patron of the British Lung Foundation, will visit a research project at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, at 12.40; as Patron of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, will open the conference centre at 234-242 St Vincent Street at 1.30; and will launch Drinkwise Scotland 1993 at George Square at 2.35.

The Princess Royal, as President of Patrons of Crime Concern, will attend a reception given by Kingfisher to celebrate Crucial Crew at Butchers' Hall at 6.00.

The Duke of Gloucester will visit RAF Spadeadam at 11.00.

Princess Alexandra, as patron, will visit the CARE Community at Ide Hill, Sevenoaks, at 2.15; and, as Deputy Colonel-in-Chief of the Light Infantry, will take the salute at the sounding of retreat by the massed bands of the Light Infantry Division on Horse Guards at 6.25.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent celebrate the 32nd anniversary of their marriage today.

Birthdays today

Sir William Barlow, former chairman, BICC, 69; the Rev Dr J.C.A. Barrett, headmaster, The Leys School, Cambridge, 50; Lord Campbell of Croy, 72; Mr Michael Codron, theatrical producer, 63; Professor Alice Coleman, geographer, 70; Professor Francis Crick, OM, biologist, 77; Earl Ferrers, 64; Lord Justice Glidewell, 69; Mr Ray Illingworth, cricketer, 61; Mr Alaric Jacob, author, 84; Sir Michael Levey, former director, National Gallery, 66; Lady Littler, former director-general, IBA, 61; Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott, Lady-in-Waiting to Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, 70; Sir Ian Morrow, company director, 81; Mr A.J. Mottram, tennis player, 73; Mr Roger Murray, president, Cargill Europe, 57; Major-General William Odling, 84; Sir Cranley Onslow, MP, 67; Sir Eric Parker, deputy chairman and group chief executive, Trafalgar House, 60; Lord Pritchard, 83; Brigadier Gael Ramsey, commander, HQ Aldershot Garrison, 51; Sir Julian Ridsdale, former MP, 78; Mrs Norma Shaw, bowler, 56; Mr Derek Underwood, cricketer, 48; Dame Anne Warburton, president, Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge, 66; Mr Graham Watson, literary agent, 80; Sir Alwyn Williams, former vice-chancellor, Glasgow University, 72.



Lindka Cierach, fashion designer, is 41 today

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Mark Haworth, Vicar, Christ Church, Weston super Mare: to be also Rural Dean of Locking (Bath and Wells)

The Rev Jean Kerr, Parish Deacon, New Bury (Manchester): to be part-time Parish Deacon, St Mark, Gillingham (Rochester)

The Rev Paul Kerr, Team Rector, New Bury (Manchester): to be Associate Priest, St Mark, Gillingham (Rochester)

The Rev Mark Kiddle: to be a Deputy Priest in Ordinary to HM The Queen

The Rev Heather Matthews, Curate, Blagdon w Ubley and Compton Martin: to be Deacon in charge, Blagdon w Ubley and Compton Martin (Bath & Wells)

The Rev Robert Parker, Vicar, Nether Stowe w Over Stowey and Rural Dean of Quantock: to be Vicar, Pitminster w Corfe (Bath and Wells)

The Rev Neville Pearce, Curate (NSM), Bath Walcot: to be Priest-in-Charge (NSM), Swainswick w Woolley (Bath and Wells)

The Rev Rosemary Radcliffe, Curate (NSM), Devoran (Truro): to be Chaplain to the Deaf and Deacon in charge, North Newton w St Michaelchurch and Thurloxton and Durston (Bath and Wells)

The Rev John Reed, Rector, Timsbury w Priston: to be Priest-in-Charge, Ilminster w Whitelackington (Bath and Wells)

The Rev Andrew Rivett, Curate, St Paul's, Slough (Oxford): to be Team Vicar, St Matthew, Netley Marsh in the Totton Team Ministry (Winchester)

The Rev Peter Shepherd, Vicar, Yaxley: to be Priest-in-Charge, Feltwell (Ely)

The Rev David Smith, Team Vicar, Malvern Link w Cowleigh (Worcester): to be Vicar, St John's, Clevedon (Bath and Wells)

The Rev Jonathan Still, Bishop's chaplain for agriculture (Hereford): to be Vicar, North Petherton w Northmoor Green (Bath and Wells)

The Rev John Sumner, Vicar, Swallowfield (Oxford): to be part-time Curate, Glastonbury St John Baptist, St Benedict, Meare, West Pennard and Godney and to the Quest Community (Bath and Wells)

The Rev Heather Turner, Curate, All Saints, Orpington: to be Chaplain among Deaf People in the diocese of Rochester

Resignations and Retirements

The Rev Eric Churchus, Priest-in-Charge, Woolhope; Mordiford; and Dormington (Hereford): to retire as from November 30

The Rev Rex Hancock, Rector, Quantoxhead (Bath and Wells): to resign as from November 1

The Rev Preb Derek Evans, Rector, Street w Walton and Greinton (Bath and Wells): to resign from Greinton as from June 30. He remains Rector, Street w Walton

The Rev Preb Raymond Dean, Vicar, Burnham on Sea (Bath and Wells): to retire as from August 31

The Rev Robert Dore, Rector, Dunster, Carhampton and Withycombe w Rodhuish (Bath and Wells): to resign as from July 31

The Rev Canon William Heads, Chaplain to North Tees Hospital, Stockton on Tees (Durham): to resign as from July 23

The Rev Kenneth Watson, Rector, Breedon on the Hill w Isley Walton and Worthington w Newbold and Griffydam (Leicester): to retire as from June 30

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.S. Barham and Miss L.M. Carter
The engagement is announced between Robert, youngest son of Mr and Mrs David Barham, of Hole Park, Rolvenden, Kent, and Louisa, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Carter, of The Old Rectory, Elmley Lovett, Worcestershire.

Mr O.J.A. Harrison-Hall and Miss J.S. Jenkins
The engagement is announced between Oscar, younger son of His Honour Judge and Mrs Michael Harrison-Hall, and Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Jenkins.

Mr M.H. Liddell-Grainger and Miss H.J. Bright
The engagement is announced between Malcolm, son of Mr David Liddell-Grainger, of Berwickshire, and Mrs Anne Grainger, of London, and Helen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Bright, of Bletchingdon, Oxfordshire.

Mr R.R. Peel and Miss V.S. Williams
The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Peel, of The Old Vicarage, Dalbrook, Gloucestershire, and Victoria, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Williams, of Fulham, London.

Mr J.R. Spreckley and Miss A.M. Errood
The engagement is announced between James Rupert, younger son of Mr and Mrs Walter Spreckley, of Holt Manor, Holt, Wiltshire, and Anna, eldest daughter of Mr Richard Errood, of Brinsop, Herefordshire, and Mrs Joanna Prettejohn, of Palm Cove, Cairns, Queensland, Australia.

Mr N.D. Waite and Miss A. Floyd
The engagement is announced between Noel, son of Sir Robert and Lady Waite, of Castor Bay, New Zealand, and Amanda, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Floyd, of Waimate, Canterbury, New Zealand.

Services of thanksgiving

Marshal of the RAF Sir Dermot Boyle
A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle, GCB, KCVO, KBE, AFC, will be held in St Clement Danes, Strand, London, on Wednesday, June 23, 1993, at noon. Dress for the occasion will be: Serving Officers', Full Ceremonial Day Dress; Civilians, Morning Dress or Lounge Suit. Tickets are not required but those intending to be present are asked to notify the Ministry of Defence, P1d(Ceremonial) (RAF), on 071-430 7567 or 7314.

R.V.H. Westall
There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of R.V.H. Westall (1899-1992) former Headmaster of Kelly College, in the School Chapel at 6.15pm on the evening of Old Kelleian Day, Saturday, June 19.

Dinners

Broderers' Company
Following the election of officers of the Worshipful Company of Broderers the new Master is Mr D.N. Smedley, the Warden is the Right Hon Lord Slynn of Hadley and the Renter Warden is Mr J.M. Wheeler. The election dinner was subsequently held at Mercers' Hall, the Master's principal guests were Sir Alexander Graham, GBE, and Mr S.C. Whitbread. Also present were the Prime Warden of the Dyers' Company and the Master of the Worshipful Company of Stationers.

Saudi-British Society
The Prince of Wales attended a dinner given by the Saudi-British Society last night at the Café Royal. The guests were received by Dr Ghazi Algosaibi, president, and Lord Denman, chairman.

Aiglon College

The Governors of Aiglon College are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Richard McDonald as Headmaster of Aiglon College in succession to Mr Philip Parsons in August 1994. Mr McDonald is currently a Housemaster at Christ's Hospital, Horsham. Mr Parsons will retire after seventeen years as Headmaster of Aiglon College.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Giovanni Cassini, astronomer, Perinaldo, France 1625; John Smeaton, civil engineer, Leeds, 1724; Count Alessandro Cagliostro, adventurer, Palermo, 1743; Thomas Dunham Whitaker, topographer, Rainham, Norfolk, 1759; Robert Stevenson, engineer, Glasgow, 1772; Robert Schumann, composer, Zwickau, Germany, 1810; Charles Reade, novelist, Ipsden House, Oxfordshire, 1814; Sir William White Baker, explorer, London, 1821; Sir John Millais, President of the Royal Academy 1896, Southampton, 1829; Frank Lloyd Wright, architect, Richland Center, Wisconsin, 1867.

DEATHS: Muhammad, Medina, 632; Hardicanute, King of England 1040-42, Lambeth, 1042; Edward the "Black Prince", London, 1376; Johann Winckelmann, historian, murdered, Trieste, 1768; Thomas Paine, radical, New York, 1809; Sarah Siddons, actress, London, 1831; Andrew Jackson, 7th American President 1829-37, Nashville, Tennessee, 1845; Sir Joseph Paxton, designer of the Crystal Palace, London, 1865; George Sand (pseudonym of Amandine Dupin), novelist, Nohant, France, 1876; Gerard Manley Hopkins, poet, Dublin, 1889; Bliss Carman, poet, New Canaan, Connecticut, 1929; Russell Harty, broadcaster, Leeds, 1988.

The electric suction vacuum-cleaner was patented, 1869.

Royal Over-Seas League

Sir John Manduell, Principal of the Royal Northern College of Music, presented the prizes at the Royal Over-Seas League's final concert and award ceremony of the annual music competition held last night at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. Mr Peter McEntee, chairman of the league, and Mrs McEntee and Mr Robert Newell, director-general, welcomed the guests.

Appointments in the Forces

The Army
Retirements
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Put all your trust in the Lord and do not rely on your own understanding.
Proverbs 3:5

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ADAM - Mrs Marion Adam gratefully acknowledges the comforting flowers and many kind messages of sympathy received following the death of her husband, Robin. A personal response will be sent as early as possible.

BIRTHS

ALLNUTT - On 4th June 1993, to Claire (née Whitleron) and Richard, a son, Christopher Mark. A brother for Edward.

BEATRICE - On June 3rd at The Portland Hospital, to Katarina and Albert Florack.

BREWER - On June 5th, to Sara (née Godfrey) and Mark, a son, George Godfrey Herbert.

DAY - On June 3rd, to Lindsey and Rupert, a daughter, Claudia Rose.

DUANE - On June 6th at the Wellington Hospital, to Cathy and Jon, a daughter, Caren Elizabeth.

DUNLOP - On May 28th 1993, to Venetia (née Hooper) and Roger, a daughter, Polly Georgiana.

EVERITT - On May 26th at home, to Barbara (née Rohrmüller) and Adrian, a son, Oliver James, a brother to Charlotte, William and Frederick. Always remembering Nicholas, born 31/10/86 died 12/11/86.

GRAESSLE - On June 4th at The Portland Hospital, to Julie (née Paradise) and Gary, a beautiful daughter, Jennifer, a sister for Catherine.

KRAGE - On 30th May 1993 in London, to Jane Rackham and Christopher, a daughter, Jodie Mae.

LAMBERT - On May 20th 1993, to Beverly (née Sims) and Nick, a son, Thomas Richard, a brother for Freya Rose.

LOWE - On June 1st 1993, to Claudia and Philip, a son, David James Nelson (Jamie), a brother for Sophie.

McCLEAN - On June 4th, to Sarah Jane (née Morgan) and Andrew, a son, Fergus Clarke.

MOORE - On June 2nd at The Portland Hospital, to Patricia (née Bisson) and Richard, a son, Nicholas Gordon, a brother for Ross.

MORRIS - On June 4th, to Annie (née FitzGerald) and Tim, a son, Guy Edward George, a brother to Christopher.

REUBIN - On 26th May, to Richard and Janette, a son, Edward James, a brother for Sophie and Isabel.

WARBY - On 2nd June 1993, to Jane (née Lavers) and Adam, a son, Jonathan Hugh, a brother for Emma and Lucy.

WOOLF - On June 4th at the Wellington Hospital, to Milton and Lisa, a daughter, Danielle Alexa.

MARRIAGES

COLLINS:LE FLEMING - On 5th June 1993 at St Mary's, Knebworth, Alan Collins of Caversham to Bridget, daughter of Morris and Jenny le Fleming.

DEATHS

BOYDELL - On 3rd June, Audrey Violet Evelyn, our dearly loved and respected mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and friend. Her strength and kindness will be missed by all who knew her. Cremation at Putney Vale 3pm, Wednesday 9th June. Family flowers only; donations if desired to: London appeals, Cancer Relief McMillan Fund, 15/19 Britten Street, SW3 3TZ, or Woodland Trust, Autumn Park, Dysart Road, Grantham NG31 6LL.

CELY TREVILIAN - On May 26th in Italy, Nicholas John (Toby), aged 74, youngest son of the late Maurice and Mary Cely Trevilian. Interment of ashes at Drayton Church shortly. R.I.P.

COEN - On June 7th, after a brave fight peacefully at home Thelma, dearly loved wife of Massimo, mother of Susan, Terence, Maxine and Fiorella, grandmother of six lovely grandchildren. Funeral Service at Liberal Jewish Cemetery, Pound Lane, NW10, on Wednesday 9th June at 2.30 pm.

CRAWFORD - Peacefully in hospital on June 6th 1993, Lt. Commander Wilfrid Hornby RN rtd of Huntington, Haddington. Devoted husband of the late Patricia Mary, darling father of George, Susan, William and Charles and beloved grandfather. A service will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Haddington, on Friday June 11th at 2 pm. Funeral thereafter to Dirleton Cemetery arriving at 3 pm. Flowers may be sent to G Wood and Hay Funeral Directors, 43 Court Street, Haddington, tel: (062082) 3903.

CROSS - On June 6th, Ruth "Ruthie". Funeral at 11.30am on Thursday June 10th at St Mark's Church, Hadlow Down, Sussex. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for St Mark's Church may be sent c/o R Jarvis, Cross-in-Hand, Heathfield, TN21 0SR, tel: (0435) 862833.

EVERETT - On June 4th 1993 after an illness courageously borne, Percy Randall Everett D.S.C. aged 72 years. Very dearly loved husband of Pam. Funeral Service at the Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, Bucks, on Monday June 14th at 4.30pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Barnardos, Tanners Lane, Barkingside, Ilford, Essex IG6 1QG.

FITZGIBBON - Suddenly on June 2nd 1993 in his 80th year, Desmond Jaime of Steeple Ashton, Wiltshire, dear father of Paul and Riqui. Funeral Service at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, on Wednesday 9th June at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations in lieu if desired to Parkinson's Disease Society, c/o Arthur W Mays Funeral Director, 82 Warminster Road, Westbury, Wiltshire.

GLYN DAVIES - On 4th June peacefully at The King Edward VII Hospital for Officers London. Mabs, beloved wife of the late Glyn, mother of Charmian and Hewlett and grandmother of Piers and Anna. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, in her memory to Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association (Kent Branch), 37 St Margarets Street, Canterbury, CT1 2TU. Funeral Service at Riverhead Parish Church, Friday 11th June at 3 pm. All other enquiries to Leverton & Sons Ltd. 071-387 6075.

GRAJEBA - On June 3rd 1993 peacefully at home, Kim, in her 89th year, much loved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at 11 am on Friday June 11th at St Stephen's Church, Gloucester Road. Flowers to J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, W8.

GRISEWOOD - On June 6th 1993, Olive Grisewood aged 82. Dearest wife, mother, granny and great-granny. Funeral, Wednesday 11 am, 9th June at Craig Lodge, Dalmally, Argyllshire, Scotland.

HANBURY-TRACY - On June 2nd, peacefully in Spain, The Hon. Blanche Hanbury-Tracy, née Arundell. Funeral at All Saints Church, Wardour, near Shaftesbury, at 5 pm on Saturday 12th June. Any enquiries to Lord Talbot, tel: (0747) 828270.

HANDFORD - After long illness peacefully at home on 7th June 1993, Douglas George John Handford of Thames Ditton, Surrey, beloved husband of Agnes and father of John. Service at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hampton Court Way, Thames Ditton, on Wednesday 9th June at 3 pm and cremation afterwards at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead at 4.30 pm. Friends invited to both, thereafter private. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Princess Alice Hospice, West End Lane, Esher or to Marie Curie Cancer Foundation, 28 Belgrave Square, London.

HARYOTT - On June 6th 1993, Reginald Arthur Haryott OBE, suddenly aged 85 years, of Woodhall Spa, beloved husband of Noreen and much loved father of John, Richard and Elizabeth and a dear grandfather. Funeral arrangements to be announced later. All enquiries to Michael H Sivill, Funeral Director, Leagate Road, Coningsby, Lincoln, tel: (0526) 342779.

HEARNE - On 30th May 1993, in Auckland, New Zealand, aged 75, Irene Isobel (née Jones), beloved wife of the late Harold. Mother of Isobel and the late Margaret, Grandmother of Victoria, Brendan, Rosé and Helen. Sister of Kitty, Pat, Peter and Wendy. A much loved lady who never lost the touch of the Navy wife.

HEATON - On 4th June 1993 at home in Puddletown, Dorset, George Howard (Jim), formerly of Martley, husband of Freda and father of Georgina. Private cremation. Memorial Service at St John the Evangelist Church, Tincleton, on Thursday 10th June at 3 pm.

HOBBS - On June 7th 1993, peacefully at home after a short illness borne with great dignity. David Melfont aged 61 of Fetcham. Dearly loved husband of Jane, beloved Daddy of Sarah and Simon and adored Pa of Emma, Charles, Oliver, William and Harriet. Always remembering Fiona. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Fetcham, on Monday June 14th at 2.30pm. Flowers or donations if desired to Rainbow Trust c/o L Hawkins & Sons, 2 Highlands Road, Leatherhead, Surrey.

HOGARTH - Suddenly but peacefully at home on Monday 7th June 1993, Michael, Springhill House, Birgham and previously of Angill Castle, Cumbria, dearly loved husband of Barbara, loved father of Alexander and Catherine. Funeral Service at Birgham Cemetery on Thursday 10th June at 2.30 pm to which all friends are invited.

JONES - On June 4th 1993 peacefully in Jersey, C.I., Air Vice Marshal Richard Ian (Dickie) Jones C.B., A.F.C., much loved husband of Margie. Donations may be sent to either the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund c/o Group Captain R. Green, Beau Geste, Beaumont, St Peter, Jersey, or to Jersey Hospice Care c/o L Richardson, Reads & Co., Wellington House, Union Street, St Helier, Jersey. Funeral enquiries to H.W. Maillard & Son Ltd, Funeral Directors, tel: (0534) 37291.

KISTRUCK - Peacefully at Dalnair House on Saturday 5th June 1993, John Frederick Scrivener (Jack), beloved husband of the late Laurie (Field) and the late Katharine (Begg) and father of Sally, Roger, George and Melanie (Rachel) and much loved grandfather. Service at Drymen Parish Church on Wednesday 9th June at 1.30pm thereafter to New Kilpatrick Cemetery, Bearsden, at 2.30 pm. All friends are invited.

KROLLE - On May 28th 1993, suddenly at home after a brief but happy retirement, Geoffrey Albert aged 81 years. Dearly loved and loving husband of Diana, darling daddy of Charrilyn and Sarah and adored grandad of Jolyon and Rupert (former Chairman and Managing Director of Tanner Krolle London, Capt. R.A.S.C. World War II). Funeral Service at St James Fulmer, Bucks, on Wednesday June 16th at 11.30 am. Private cremation later. Flowers and enquiries to H.C. Grimstead Ltd., Churchfield Lodge, Churchfield Road, Chalfont St Peter (0753) 891200. Donations if preferred to The British Heart Foundation, 14 Fitzhardinge Street, London W1H 4DH.

LEVY - On June 5th, Edward aged 49, dearly loved and missed by his wife Elizabeth, children Rachel and Charles, mother Violet, family and friends. Service at St Mary Magdalen Church, Stoke Bishop, Bristol, on Thursday June 10th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to R.N.L.I., Poole, Dorset.

MARTIN - On June 5th, peacefully at home, Sidney William "Bill", Fleet Street cartoonist and illustrator, after a long courageously fought battle against cancer. Much loved by family and friends in England and in his native Australia. Funeral at Holy Trinity Church, Westcott, Thursday 10th June at 4 pm. Donations if desired for Marie Curie Cancer Care may be sent to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking.

MASSEY - On 5th June, William Richard, aged 92, peacefully in Southwold. Dearly loved husband of Marjorie, dear father of Jill, proud grandfather of Hilary, David and Tim and great-grandfather of William. Family flowers only but donations to League of Friends of Southwold Hospital, Fieldstile Road, Southwold, Suffolk.

McCURRY - Peacefully at home, Norry, after a short illness. Requiem and funeral at St Dunstan's, Stepney, on June 11th at 11.30am. Flowers to 18 Chisenhale Road or donations to Christian Aid.

McINTOSH - Geoffrey Robert (Mac). On 27th May 1993 in St George's Hospital Tooting, following short illness. Geoffrey, very dear husband of Pearl and father of Stephen and Diane and grandad to Jamie. Interment took place in Guildford on 4th June. Geoffrey will be sadly missed by Cheryl, Fiona, Kevin and family in Australia and New Zealand.

MILLER - Juliet Mary, beloved widow of Eustie and mother of Robin and Tim and daughter of Guy and Floritta St Aubyn, peacefully at home. Funeral at St Andrew's, Bredfield, at 2.30pm on June 14th. Family flowers only, contributions if desired to N.S.P.C.C., c/o E.B. Button & Sons Ltd., 24 St Johns Street, Woodbridge, IP12 1EB.

MOORE - On June 6th 1993, peacefully at home in Nether Wallop, Margaret Elsie aged 101 years. Dearly loved and loving wife of the late Ivon, devoted and dear mother of Peter, Nancy and David and beloved grandmother and great-grandmother. Grateful thanks to Vera Ayers, her devoted friend whose home she shared and to Doctor Manchett and all nurses and carers. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Nether Wallop, near Stockbridge, Hampshire, on Thursday 10th June at 2.45 pm followed by cremation at Salisbury Crematorium. Family flowers only donations if desired to St Andrew's Church, Nether Wallop c/o A.H. Chester, Funeral Directors, Romsey, Hampshire.

MOSTYN - Anita, on 6th June, aged 68, adored mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, aunt and friend, at Nazareth House, Oxford. She died peacefully with her family and the wonderful nuns and nurses of Nazareth House. Funeral at 1 pm on Friday 11th June at Nazareth House: on the corner of Cowley Road and Rectory Road and later at 6 London Place, Oxford. Flowers to Reeves & Pain, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford OX1 4TE tel: (0865) 242529.

MOTT - On 5th June 1993, peacefully at Fremington Manor Nursing Home, Richard aged 90 years of Westward Ho! North Devon. Beloved husband of the late Phyllis Mary, father of John, Jill and Penny Jane and a loving grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service will be held at St Margaret's Parish Church, Northam, North Devon, on Monday June 14th at 2.30 pm followed by interment. Family flowers only, donations may be given for the North Devon Hospice Care Trust, c/o M.C. Morris, Morris Brothers, 95 Meddon Street, Bideford, North Devon.

PARKER - On June 7th 1993, Peacefully at home after a long illness, Arthur John Kingston. Much loved husband of Pam, and the late Peggy, father of Tim and Penny, and grandfather of six. Funeral Service at Bournemouth Crematorium on Thursday June 10th at 10am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to Guide Dogs for the Blind, c/o Diamond and Son, Funeral Directors, 9-11 Lower Buckland Road, Lymington, SO41 9DN. (Tel: 0590 672060).

ROBERTSON - On June 6th 1993, suddenly at home, William Stewart Robertson O.B.E. of West Chiltington. Beloved husband of Phyllis and father of Martin. Funeral Service on Friday June 11th at Worthing Crematorium 11.20 am and afterwards at West Sussex Golf Club, Pulborough. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation c/o H.D. Tribe Ltd., 21 West Street, Storrington, Sussex RH20 4DZ.

SELLICK - Lesley Hilda Lime on June 3rd, peacefully in hospital. Funeral 2.30 pm on June 10th at Kettering Crematorium. Memorial Service 3 pm on June 20th, Uppingham School Chapel. No flowers please, but donations to Macmillan Fund, St Mary's Hospital, Kettering.

SIMMONS - On June 5th 1993 at Charing Cross Hospital, William Thomas Simmons - Bill, dearly loved husband of Bobbie and beloved Daddy of Karen and Rebecca. Adored Poppa of Lucy. Cremation at Putney Vale 2.45 pm Tuesday June 8th. Family flowers only; donations if desired to: London Appeal, Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, 15-19 Britten Street, SW3 3TZ.

SIMPSON - On June 4th 1993, peacefully in hospital, Mary Gillespie Simpson aged 67 years of Evington (Leicestershire). Wife of the late Eric Charles and dear mother of Ian. Funeral Service at St Deny's Church, Evington, on Friday June 11th at 10 am. Interment following at Gayton Cemetery, Kings Lynn, Norfolk at 2.30 pm. Flowers or donations if preferred to Macmillan Nurses c/o Ginns and Gutteridge Funeral Directors of Leicester, tel: (0533) 516117.

SIMPSON - On 4th June 1993, Alice Vera, after a long illness courageously borne. A beloved aunt, great-aunt and friend. Funeral St Luke's Church, Crosby, 1 pm Friday 11th June. No flowers. Donations if desired to Friends of the Earth, 26/28 Underwood Street, London N1 7JQ.

SMITH - On June 3rd 1993, peacefully in Toronto, Sir James Smith Kt., C.B.E., aged 80, formerly Chief Justice of the Bahamas. Missed by family and friends. Funeral St Peter's Church, Lampeter, Wales, planned for Saturday 12th June, please confirm. Pryce Funeral Directors (0570) 422673.

SPENCER-SMITH - On June 6th, Peter Compton, aged 80, peacefully at home. Beloved husband of Philippa and much loved father of Michael and Harry. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Pirton, on Monday 14th June at 2.30pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. No mourning dress or black ties at his particular request.

THOMAS - On 2nd June 1993, peacefully, at The Princess Grace Hospital London W1, following major heart surgery on the previous day, Ian, LVO, Dressmaker to H.M. The Queen, a much loved gentleman, aged 64 years. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Steeple Barton, Oxon, on Friday 11th June at 2 pm. If desired, donations in lieu of flowers may be made to British Heart Foundation or The Home of Rest for Horses c/o Messrs. Trinder, 122 Middleton Road, Banbury, Oxon. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

TROTMAN - On 3rd June, whilst fishing in Scotland in his 78th year, Col. Edward Alexander, O.B.E., T.D., Som. L.I. loving and beloved husband of Monica and adored father of Susie, loving father-in-law of Richard and devoted grandpop of Moreton and Anna. Private funeral and no memorial service at his request. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Julian's Church, Wellow, c/o The Treasurer, Footman's Cottage, Wellow, Bath.

WATNEY - Peacefully in hospital, on 4th June 1993, Victoria Mary, in her 96th year, lately of Cuckfield, Sussex. Widow of Ronald Watney and much loved friend of John Douglas Money. Funeral at St Bartholomew's Church, Leigh, near Reigate, on Friday 11th June at 11 am. All enquiries to C. Waterhouse & Sons, Burwash, E. Sussex. Tel: 0435 882219.

WHITTLE - On June 4th 1993, Kenneth Frederick ("Ken") Whittle, of Claverley, nr. Wolverhampton, aged 65 years. Funeral at All Saints Church, Claverley, Thursday June 10th at 11am. Family flowers. Donations for Compton Hospice. Enquiries to Perry and Phillips Funeral Directors, telephone: Bridgnorth (0746) 766255.

IN MEMORIAM — WAR

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL SURREY REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION (THE PRINCESS OF WALES'S ROYAL REGIMENT) held their annual church service at Guildford Cathedral on Sunday 6th June. Former members of The Queen's Royal, The East Surrey and The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment were remembered.

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OBITUARIES

TSOLA DRAGOICHEVA

Tsola Dragoicheva, Bulgarian communist revolutionary and politburo member, died on May 26 aged 99. She was born in Byala Slatina, northwest Bulgaria, on August 18, 1893.



TSOLA DRAGOICHEVA conjures up the names of the classic dreadnoughts of old: *Indomitable, Indefatigable, Inflexible*. Like those great ships she lived to endure her own obsolescence. She spent nearly all her life in combat and at the last went down still fighting, firing broadsides in all directions as her enemies closed in upon all that she had worked for and believed in.

Dragoicheva's parents were supporters of radical political ideas and their daughter more than followed in their footsteps. By the time she had finished her education in the high schools of Rousé and Sofia she was an ardent socialist and a convinced marxist-leninist.

Her political activities soon led to her dismissal from her first teaching post. Then, in September 1923, the Bulgarian Communist party, of which she had been a member since 1919, staged an ill-prepared rising in which Dragoicheva acted as a liaison officer between the revolutionary committee in Byala Slatina, her home village, and the surrounding villages. Like most participants in the rising she was arrested, dismissed from the teaching profession and sentenced to 15 years in prison.

She was amnestied in 1924 but in the following year found herself once again behind bars after the communists had blown up one of Sofia's cathedrals causing the deaths of more than 120 prominent Bulgarians. This time imprisonment brought torture which she was later to describe graphically in the first volume of her memoirs.

After torture she was condemned to death and was saved from the gallows only by the fact that she was pregnant. Her sentence was commuted to life imprisonment and she spent the next nine years in detention. She had in the meantime become something of a *cause célèbre* amongst left-wing activists because for four years she had insisted on keeping with her the son she had borne in prison. The child was later entrusted to party colleagues who sent him to Moscow.

After her release Dragoicheva, too, went to the Soviet Union where she enrolled in the Lenin International School in Moscow. On graduation she worked for the International Women's Secretariat of Comintern: she also took part in the historic seventh Comintern Congress of 1935. The following year she returned to Bulgaria where she worked in the section of the communist movement which administered charitable aid schemes. She also edited its journal, *Zashtita* (Defence).

But it was in straight political agitation and organisation rather than in charitable activities that Dragoicheva's interests and talents lay. In 1937 she was elected to the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Workers' party, the pseudonym under which the Communist party was operating, and in 1940 became a member of the Politburo. At the end of that year she became notorious in official circles by organising a leaflet and graffiti campaign supporting Molotov's proposed Soviet-Bulgarian non-aggression pact.

In the clampdown on communist sympathisers which followed the German invasion of the USSR in the summer of 1941 Dragoicheva was arrested and in December sent to the women's detention camp at Sveta Nikola. From there she escaped: had she not done so she would have been executed because she was one of those sentenced to death in the 1942 trial of the Bulgarian Workers' party central committee.

Because the country was allied with but not occupied by the Germans, Bulgarian resistance was not as highly developed as that in countries such as Poland or Yugoslavia. Yet Dragoicheva was fully involved in what little activity there was. Flitting from one safe house to the next, she was instrumental in setting up the first committees of the Fatherland Front, the communist-dominated coalition which was to assume power in 1944. She also played an important part in the actual seizure of power on September 9, 1944.

Thereafter Dragoicheva was among the powerful in the land and until 1948 she remained chief secretary of the national executive committee of the Fatherland Front. For 36 years she continued to be a prominent figure in party and state; in 1958 she regained admission to the central committee and in 1966 was elected once more to the Politburo where she remained until old age forced her retirement in 1984.

Her revolutionary record and her service to the regime after September 1944 brought predictable rewards. She was a frequent recipient of the Georgi Dimitrov Order; she was made a Hero of Socialist Labour in 1963 and a Hero of the People's Republic of Bulgaria in 1968; and in 1972 she was awarded the Lenin Peace Prize. She also wrote three substantial volumes of memoirs, the final one of which contained controversial statements concerning Bulgarian-Yugoslav relations over Macedonia at the end of the war. It was a matter of some pride to Dragoicheva that in Yugoslavia the importation, dissemination or even the reading of her book was an indictable offence.

Fate was perhaps unkind in bestowing upon Dragoicheva a longevity which forced her to witness the destruction and, at times, the vilification of her former triumphs. She was undeterred and untamed, using any vehicle that remained available to her to defend the cause to which she had given her life.

One of the conventions of the system to which she had devoted herself was that the private lives of its *prominenti* remained private, though it is known that the son whose conception had saved her life survived to become a heart surgeon.

MELVILLE COOK

Alfred Melville Cook, organist and choirmaster, died at Cheltenham on May 22 aged 80. He was born on June 18, 1912.

MELVILLE COOK's musical career began as a chorister in the cathedral choir of his native city, Gloucester, under Sir Herbert Brewer and Herbert Sumsion. Such was his early promise as an organist that he became the latter's assistant at the age of 20 in 1932. In the Royal College of Organists' fellowship examinations the previous year he had been awarded the Harding Prize.

Following his appointment to All Saints' Church, Cheltenham, in 1935, he became in 1938 the youngest organist ever to be appointed to Leeds parish church. His playing of Basil Harwood's taxing anthem, "O how glorious is the kingdom" at his first Sunday service soon acquired almost legendary status.

After receiving his Doctorate in Music at Durham University in 1940, he began his war service in the Royal Artillery. Following his demobilisation in 1946, Cook made great efforts to change the robust Leeds "sound" that he had inherited from his predecessor, Dr Albert Tysoe, by introducing into the choir's repertory a large amount of Tudor polyphony. In 1947 the BBC broadcast choral evensong from Leeds parish church on four successive Wednesdays, a vindication of his policy, and a reflection of the speed with which he had raised choral standards within a matter of months.

In 1948 Cook became conductor of the Halifax Choral Society, and in 1950 founded the Leeds Guild of Singers, whose concern for good style occurred at a time when performance practice was only in its infancy.

Not surprisingly, the invitation came in 1956 for him to assume the responsibilities of a cathedral organist. During his ten years at Hereford he conducted some masterly performances at the Three Choirs' Festivals held by turn in Hereford, Worcester and (to his delight) Gloucester.

His next move was a more unorthodox one. But at All Saints' Church, Winnipeg, and then particularly in Toronto, as organist of the Metropolitan United Church, his essentially ecumenical religious outlook found happy expression. By now, too, he had become a recitalist and an adjudicator of world-wide renown.

Cook retired from his last official post in 1986 and came back to live in England. Last Christmas he returned to Leeds parish church and read one of the lessons at the annual carol service. It was the same lesson he had read 54 years earlier on his appointment to Leeds at the age of 26. Cook married in 1944 Marion Weir Moncrieff who predeceased him. There were no children of the marriage.

TONY NEWTON



Douglas Anthony Newton, CB, former senior registrar in the Family Division of the High Court, died on May 20 aged 77. He was born on December 21, 1915.

TONY Newton started working for the High Court straight from school and worked his way up past highly qualified barristers doing the same job, to head the registry of the Family Division. Then, at 60, he retired to do what he liked doing best: brewing beer, rebuilding his house and messing about in boats on his beloved River Thames.

He was born at Teddington, Middlesex, and went to school at Westminster where he was an enthusiastic oarsman and grew to be the tallest boy in the school at 6ft 5in.

He sat the civil service entrance examination and was accepted in 1934 as a High Court registry junior executive in what was then the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division.

He enlisted in the Honourable Artillery Company in 1939 and served with it during the early part of the war. Bored with waiting for something to happen in this country, however, he then volunteered for a transfer to the Indian Army. As a major in the Artillery, based in Assam and then in Burma, he saw action until VJ-Day.

With the coming of peace he was transferred to the military police — no doubt partly because of his intimidating presence — and became the assistant provost-marshal (or Ceylon, based in Colombo. There he met his wife Barbara, who was serving in the Wrens and they were married in the following year.

On returning to this country, Newton resumed his upward climb through the principal registry of what was to become known as the Family Division of the High Court. He became a registrar's clerk, then was made the registry's secretary, with responsibility for administration. Then in 1959 he became a registrar in his own right, dealing mainly in his chambers at Somerset House with the details of divorce settlements — particularly the financial arrangements. Registrars were officially classed as "minor judiciary" and the work is in fact now performed by district judges.

Tony Newton was promoted senior registrar (in effect the head of his department) in 1972, and held the post for three years, frequently travelling round the district registry offices in the provinces on administrative business.

He retired in 1975 and was made CB in the following year. He then turned to his unusual special interests, which he listed in *Who's Who*, as "beer, boats and building".

His prowess as a DIY man was extraordinary. With advice from an architect friend, he completely rebuilt his family's summer bungalow on the banks of the Thames, re-roofing it, installing central heating and even jacking it up four feet with the help of 14 car jacks to save it from flooding.

There he brewed his own beer, not from readymade concentrates and special kits, but making his own "real ale" with hops and malt.

But, above all else, Tony Newton was a "riverman" never happier than when on the water, sailing, sculling or punting. Despising powerboats, his favourite craft was a century-old skiff which had once belonged to his father and grandfather.

He belonged to the Traditional Thames Boating Society, whose members travel with their old-fashioned punts and skiffs to regattas in Britain and on the Continent. They sometimes dressed in straw boaters and striped blazers to add a touch of Edwardian England to the occasion — though Newton himself drew the line at the striped blazers.

He derived great pleasure and satisfaction from the sight of his own son carrying on the family tradition by rowing in the Hampton Grammar School eight when they won the Princess Elizabeth Cup at Henley.

Sadly, however, his own activities were recently restricted by motor neurone disease which was diagnosed three years ago.

He is survived by his wife and by their son and daughter.

JAMES BRIDGES



An angry exchange between Jane Fonda and Michael Douglas in the thriller *The China Syndrome*, directed and co-written by James Bridges

James Bridges, Hollywood writer-director, died of cancer in Los Angeles on June 6 aged 57. He was born in Paris, Arkansas, in 1935.

THE films of James Bridges included *The China Syndrome* — for which he shared an Academy Award nomination for best screenplay — and *The Paper Chase*, which turned the eminent producer and director John Houseman into a film star at the age of 71. Bridges wrote and directed his own scripts, sometimes based on original stories, sometimes adaptations, that were always intelligent, elegantly wrought and usually with some wider social dimension, though they were seldom specifically political as he was more interested in individual human beings than causes.

Originally inspired partly by a teenage devotion to James Dean which he evoked in his autobiographical film *September 30, 1955* (the date of Dean's fatal car crash), James Bridges wanted to be an actor. During the later 1950s he made it, in a small way, playing minor roles in television series like *Dragnet*. Wisely, no doubt, he decided to follow also his bent for writing, and was encouraged by no less a figure than Alfred Hitchcock, for whose television series he wrote several scripts in 1964.

Eventually, he was to find his true metier by combining writing with direction of actors rather than acting himself. In the mid-1960s he met Jack Larson, who was to be his lifelong companion, when he directed Larson's play *The Candied House*. He did other theatrical work at this time, but his ideas tended increasingly towards the cinema. He first edged his way in as a writer, working on the scripts of, among others, the Marlon Brando western *The Appaloosa* (1966) and *The Forbin Project*, an intelligent science-fiction thriller.

Immediately after this he managed, against all odds, to direct his own script for *The Baby Maker*, a sensitive small-budget feature about a young woman who undertakes to have a baby on behalf of a childless couple. This formed the pattern for his subsequent work.

While *The Baby Maker* was a *succès d'estime*, his next film, *The Paper Chase* (1973), about the greening of an ambitious young lawyer, was a big box office hit. John Houseman, who had never previously acted, played a crusty and intimidating law professor — a success continued in a major television series. Bridges seemed to tackle the intimidating job of directing the great director with surprising confidence. After returning to small-scale production with *September 30, 1955*, he was selected by Tennessee Williams to direct the 25th anniversary revival of *A Streetcar Named Desire* on stage, and then took on the even more intimidating job of directing three of the biggest stars of the day: Jack Lemmon, Jane Fonda and Michael Douglas, in *The China Syndrome*, a crisp and serious thriller about attempts to cover up a meltdown in a Californian nuclear power station.

This proved to be the peak of his career. His next film, *Urban Cowboy* (1979), starring John Travolta as a self-infatuated hustler type in Pasadena, did not quite hit its target, and during the 1980s he worked less, though he continued to make the occasional interesting film up to his last, *Bright Lights, Big City* (1988), which featured Michael J. Fox as a yuppie in booming New York getting involved with drink and drugs, right to the edge of insanity.

Personally Bridges was mild and unassuming, much approved of by Hollywood seniors who saw him (correctly) as a gentleman and an intelligence in a world increasingly dominated by the brash bully-boys.

Actors liked him for the same reason. And it was probably for the same reason that he did not get further, faster; in the Hollywood of the 1980s his kind of personal film was already becoming an anachronism.

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☐ One hundred and forty-seven V.C.s have now been won during the war, and of these 52 have been awarded to the Army.

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Any account of the winning of the Victoria Cross illumines all other such awards. A special aura attaches to this one, for it was the last won by a Briton where victory was only weeks away. The mission referred to was a unit formed to protect the Royal family

NEWS

Smith set for war with unions

■ A summer civil war within the labour movement appeared inevitable last night after senior union leaders issued a stinging rebuff to John Smith, who in turn refused to abandon his plans to limit the union block vote.

Three of Britain's biggest unions yesterday rejected the Labour leader's one member, one vote proposal for the selection of parliamentary candidates, saying that as long as they continued to pay the bills, they wanted a major voice in the party's affairs ..... **Pages 1, 17**

Thatcher attacks Major over treaty

■ Baroness Thatcher and her fellow Euro-sceptics put John Major on notice yesterday to expect bitter feuding over his European policy when she declared in the Lords she would never have signed the Maastricht treaty ..... **Pages 1, 9**

Farrow wins custody

A New York judge yesterday awarded custody of the three children shared by film-maker Woody Allen and his former lover, Mia Farrow, to the 47-year-old actress, bringing to an end a bitter legal tussle which began last August..... **Pages 1, 12**

Tests defended

Government examination advisers yesterday defended the English tests which launched the assessment programme for 14-year-olds, in the teeth of a teachers' boycott, which their union leaders said was 99.9 per cent effective..... **Pages 1, 4**

Food concern

Gillian Shephard, the agriculture minister, expressed concern about abuses in the food industry as *The Times* investigation discloses how supermarkets are selling frozen chickens which contain only 75 per cent meat..... **Pages 1, 7**

Satanic abuse claims

Seven children were beaten and sexually abused in satanic rituals, often in churches, by adult members of their own family over a period of eleven years, a court was told..... **Page 3**

Let them crumble

As Scarborough's Holbeck Hall hotel continues to fall into the sea, many scientists say cliffs on Britain's east coast should be left unprotected to crumble and help save beaches and farmland elsewhere..... **Page 5**

More Somali attacks

Somali gunmen continued to attack Pakistani United Nations Nations peacekeepers when a small militia group, including women, fired on their headquarters in the centre of Mogadishu. The UN soldiers returned the fire. At the weekend, 23 Pakistanis died ..... **Page 13**

PLO talks hopes

Palestinian leaders have edged closer to another round of peace talks with Israel. At the same time Arab foreign ministers concluded a meeting in Amman by calling for America to play a more active role in the negotiations ..... **Page 13**

Muslims move in

The Croat enclave in Travnik is near to defeat as encircling Muslim forces closed in for the kill. A steady stream of terrified refugees has been braving sniper fire and mortar attacks while driving out..... **Page 13**

Yeltsin accused

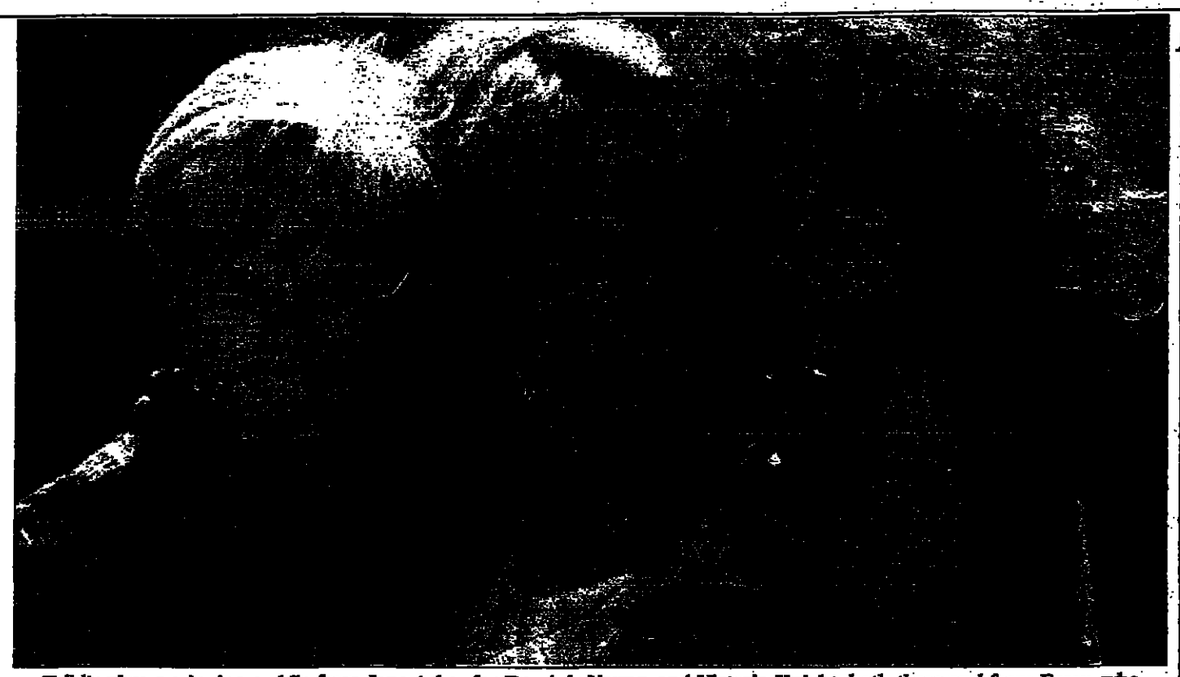
President Yeltsin has been accused of trying to take on the powers of an elected dictator as he began talks with Russia's powerful regional leaders in an assembly to draft a new constitutions..... **Page 11**

Bolivian victors

Bolivia's opposition National Revolutionary Movement claimed victory in the elections held on Sunday, when voters soundly rejected the ruling coalition..... **Page 13**

Save the planet: don't recycle paper

■ Well-intentioned people who make a regular trip to the local waste-paper bank may be doing more harm than good to the environment. A report shows that recycling huge amounts of paper could generate more pollution than it saves. Big recycling projects may also lead to a decline in the health of Europe's forests..... **Page 7**



Child's play: a winning cuddle from Jane Asher for Dominic Young and Victoria Knight, both three and from Essex, who yesterday won in their age group at the Mattel-Disney Child of the Year portrait competition finals held in London

BUSINESS

Jacques Attali, controversial French president of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, goes on the offensive to counter mounting speculation about his future..... **Page 21**

Cutting back: ABB Transportation, Britain's biggest train builder, cut almost 900 staff, blaming an "unprecedented" situation, with orders are set to run out next year..... **Page 21**

Share prices advanced, with ice-cream and drink companies benefiting from the warm weather. Data showing a sharper-than-expected increase in new credit in April. The FTSE 100 closed at 2,844.8, up 14.9..... **24**

Cricket: Australia defeated England by 179 runs at Old Trafford to take a 1-0 lead in the six-match Ashes series. Graham Gooch became the first Englishman to be dismissed "handled the ball" in Tests..... **Page 40**

Racing: Sir Thomas Pilkington has emerged as favourite to succeed Lord Hartington as senior steward of the Jockey Club as the organisation contemplates its future role..... **Page 37**

Football: Manchester United's Paul Ince will become the first black footballer to captain England when he leads his country in the opening match of the US Cup '93 tomorrow..... **Page 38**

Key question: How safe is keyhole surgery? Dr Thomas Stuttaford reports..... **Page 15**

Back to basics: Chiropractors will advise you how to sit, how to walk and how to make love, but can they cure backache?..... **Page 15**

Sunny disposition: People are happier and kinder to others on days when the sun is shining — but that is no help to doom-laden governments..... **Page 15**

Foul play: As more injured players go to law, football administrators face a challenge. David Conn reports..... **Page 29**

Tonys for Tommy: A Broadway staging of The Who's 1969 rock opera *Tommy* won five Tony awards. *Kiss of the Spiderwoman* was judged best musical, and *Angels in America* won the best play award..... **Page 35**

Louvre at 200: In Paris the Louvre celebrates its bicentenary with an epic show that reveals how some of its most famous paintings, such as the *Mona Lisa*, influenced Paris-based artists of different styles and periods..... **Page 33**

La Plante's latest: *Comics*, the latest Lynda La Plante thriller, had "a sketchy, unfinished feel" compared with *Prime Suspect*, Benedict Nightingale writes..... **Page 33**

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Felipe González, who scored a personal triumph when he defied the pundits and kept his socialist party in power in Spain
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Diana Maddock, a language teacher, has been selected by the Liberal Democrats as candidate for the Christchurch by-election
Page 2



Chris Boardman, Olympic cycling gold medallist, has given up his Lotus hi-tech bike for this year in favour of a more conventional machine
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TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

Mirror images of friendship

■ Do people choose their friends the same way as they choose their pets — in their own image? Rachel Kelly considers why it is that lookalikes will always go hunting in packs

Coren and double vision

... and still on the subject of lookalikes, Alan Coren wonders why everyone seems to have a double — on television

Prepare for Catch-23?

■ Joseph Heller, 70 this year, reveals his progress on a sequel to his most famous novel, *Catch-22*

Hopes and fears for the environmental future of the planet are explored through the lives of ten babies in *Viewpoint 93: Growing Up* (ITV, 10.40pm)..... **Page 39**

The Smith problem

With the government in such terrible disarray John Smith lacks any relish for the kill. His lack of relish in attacking Tories is now used by unions as reason why he has not earned the right to attack them..... **Page 17**

Somalia's outlaws

The UN must now act with unprecedented vigour. The warlords who destroyed hope in the first place must finally be brought to heel..... **Page 17**

RIP Robbins

The proposal at the London School of Economics to charge undergraduates up to £1,000 in tuition fees from October 1994 should prompt a thorough re-examination of the future of university funding in this country..... **Page 17.**

BERNARD LEVIN

In Britain, now, there are hundreds, perhaps thousands, of slaves. Demsee from Sierra Leone, for instance, did everything for her Lebanese master, feeding the baby, cleaning the house, doing the garden, cooking, chauffeuring, acting as watchman. She was given no food other than leftovers and stale bread, and from the age of nine on she was consistently beaten and raped by her slave-master. This happened *in London*..... **Page 16**

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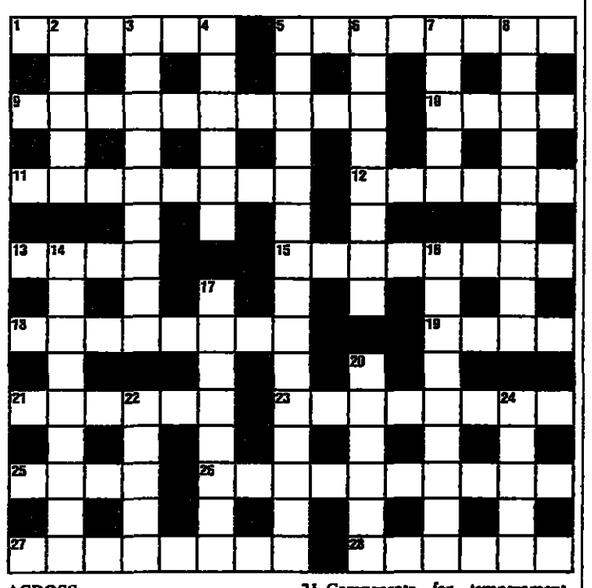
Is it really possible to seal off one of the busiest areas in the world from terrorist intruders? Even if easy references to the Trojan Horse and the Maginot Line are resisted, military history is not particularly encouraging to those seeking to keep enemies at bay by means of physical barriers..... **Page 16**

Does divorce actually have a spiritual advantage for partners in a loveless marriage?..... **Page 17**

The socialist victory (in Spain) is above all a personal victory for Felipe González ... Against all evidence, this 51-year-old man has managed to win 900,000 extra votes compared to the 1988

—Le Monde

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ACROSS

1 Tests a variety of conditions (6).
5 Reluctant instruction to draw (8).
9 Reparation made by the old guard (10).
10 Baggage control (4).
11 A number written by pen for the last act (8).
12 Publish rotten copy (3,3).
13 A great man she objectively put before love (4).
15 Mark well beaten on re-examination (4,4).
18 Driver hit back with stout stick (4,4).
19 Maintain the usual standard though short of time (4).
21 Compensate for temperament (4-2).
23 "His — hose well sav'd" (*A.Y.L.I.*) (8).
25 To incline to the left is initially tempting (4).
26 Playhouse in distress (10).
27 Resent request, roughly made, to hold a horse (8).
28 Carton found in Australia (6).

DOWN

2 Put off project (5).
3 Driving at 18 (6,3).
4 Mark added for being absolutely correct (4,2).
5 Began in absurdly bad way to raise cash for charity (5-3-3,4).
6 Real fraud on an island (8).
7 Card carried with vehicle (5).
8 Flee in car, crashing into barrier (4,5).
14 Stirring start to exciting case (9).
16 Produced some nonsense propagated about Turner (9).
17 Careless fielders keep getting left out (8).
20 Proposes figures for price tags (6).
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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.35	2.15
Austria Sch	18.40	16.90
Belgium Fr	53.80	49.40
Canada $	2.065	1.925
Denmark Kr	10.05	9.25
Finland Mkk	8.95	8.15
France Fr	8.78	8.08
Germany Dm	2.61	2.41
Greece Dr	350.00	325.00
Hong Kong $	12.42	11.42
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.96
Italy Lira	2345.00	22000.0
Japan Yen	181.00	162.00
Netherlands Gld	2.93	2.70
Norway Kr	11.055	10.235
Portugal Esc	245.00	227.40
South Africa Rd	6.42	5.42
Spain Pta	195.00	182.00
Sweden Kr	11.62	10.82
Switzerland Fr	2.34	2.16
Turkey Lira	15900.0	14900.0
USA $	1.62	1.49

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday

WEATHER

Another mostly sunny day for England and Wales. Sea breezes will make coastal fringes cooler and southern coasts may have mist. It will be dry, apart from the small chance of an isolated thundery shower later in the Channel Islands or southwest England. Northern Ireland and western Scotland will be cloudy with light rain. Eastern Scotland will be warm and dry. Outlook: warm with thundery showers in places.

MIDDAY: I=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	28	84	s	Madrid	20	68	f
Alicante	28	79	f	Majorca	25	77	s
Alex'dria	25	77	f	Malaga	23	73	s
Algiers	25	77	f	Malta	25	77	f
Amst'dm	22	72	s	Melb'rne	12	54	c
Athens	28	79	s	Miami*	32	90	f
Bahrain	36	97	s	Milan	30	86	s
Bangkok	33	91	c	Montreal*	12	54	c
Barbados*	31	88	s	Moscow	15	59	c
Barcelona	25	77	s	Munich	22	72	f
Beirut	24	75	f	Nairobi	24	75	f
Belgrade	31	88	f	Naples	29	84	s
Berlin	21	70	s	N Delhi	41	106	s
Bermuda*	26	79	s	N York*	18	64	c
Biarritz	21	70	s	Nice	25	77	s
Bordx's	28	82	s	Oslo	18	64	f
Brussels	23	73	s	Paris	26	79	s
Budapst	29	84	c	Peking	32	90	s
B Aires*	18	64	f	Perth	16	61	r
Cairo	29	84	f	Prague	23	73	f
Cape Tn	18	64	s	Reykjavik	9	48	r
Chicago*	22	72	f	Rhodes	27	81	s
Ch'church	8	46	c	Rio de J	25	77	s
Cologne	24	75	s	Riyadh	40	104	s
C'penhgn	17	63	f	Rome	27	81	s
Corfu	28	82	s	Salzburg	24	75	s
Dublin	18	64	c	S F'cisco*	17	63	f
Dubrovnik	27	81	s	Santiago*	14	57	f
Faro	21	70	f	Seoul	28	82	s
Florence	31	88	s	Sing'por	32	90	f
Frankfurt	27	81	s	St'kholm	15	59	f
Funchal	22	72	f	Strasb'rg	28	82	f
Geneva	27	81	f	Sydney	17	63	s
Gibraltar	23	73	s	Tangier	22	72	f
Helsinki	17	63	f	Tel Aviv	23	73	c
Hong K	29	84	f	Tenerife	21	70	c
Innsbruck	26	79	f	Tokyo	20	68	c
Istanbul	21	70	f	Toronto*	21	70	s
Jeddah	40	104	s	Tunis	26	79	s
Jo'burg*	16	61	s	Valencia	24	75	f
L Palmas	22	72	c	Venice	27	81	s
Le Tquet	23	73	s	Vienna	29	84	f
Lisbon	23	73	s	Warsaw	25	77	s
Locarno	27	81	s	Wash'ton*	22	72	f
L Angeles*	17	63	s	Wel'ton	11	52	r
Luxembg	28	79	f	Zurich	27	81	s
Luxor	35	95	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday: Highest day temp: London, 26C (79F); lowest day max: Sella Ness, Shetland, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, Highland, 0.39in; highest sunshine: Leeds and Morecambe, Lancashire, 15hr.

MIDLANDS

Yesterday: Temp: max 9am to 6pm, 21C (70F), min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun, 24hr to 6pm, 10.6hr.

EAST

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 19C (66F), min 6pm to 6am, 12C (54F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 9.3hr.

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	2.8	0.11	17	63	cloudy
Belfast	6.8	-	18	64	bright
Birmingham	9.4	-	24	75	sunny
Bognor Regis	14.5	-	23	73	sunny
Bournemouth	13.7	-	23	73	sunny
Bristol	11.7	-	24	75	sunny
Cardiff	11.1	-	20	68	sunny
Clacton	12.5	-	18	64	sunny
Colwyn Bay	14.3	-	17	63	sunny
Cromer	9.9	-	22	72	sunny
Eastbourne	13.9	-	21	70	sunny
Edinburgh	1.9	-	21	70	cloudy
Exmouth	12.7	-	20	68	sunny
Falmouth	13.7	-	23	73	sunny
Folkestone	13.6	-	23	73	sunny
Glasgow	5.0	-	19	66	bright
Guernsey	12.6	-	19	66	sunny
Hastings	13.9	-	22	72	sunny
Isle of Man	13.4	-	15	59	sunny
Jersey	13.6	-	24	75	sunny
Leeds	15.0	-	24	75	sunny
Lerwick	0.1	0.06	11	52	cloudy
Littlehampton	14.1	-	23	73	sunny
London	11.6	-	26	79	sunny
Lowestoft	10.5	-	18	64	sunny
Manchester	13.3	-	23	73	sunny
Morecambe	15.0	-	18	64	sunny
Newcastle	7.1	-	22	72	bright
Nottingham	9.8	-	24	75	sunny
Penzance	12.2	-	22	72	sunny
Plymouth	11.7	-	19	66	sunny
Saunton Snd	10.5	-	17	63	bright
Scarborough	12.8	-	19	66	sunny
Selsey Bill	12.2	-	18	64	sunny
Southend	12.5	-	20	68	sunny
Southsea	14.2	-	21	70	sunny
Stornoway	2.0	0.18	13	55	cloudy
Swanage	13.6	-	22	72	sunny
Tiree	4.6	-	14	57	bright
Weymouth	12.7	-	19	66	sunny
Worthing	13.7	-	22	72	sunny

* denotes Not Available

London 9.45 pm to 4.15 am
Bristol 9.54 pm to 4.25 am
Edinburgh 10.25 pm to 3.59 am
Manchester 10.06 pm to 4.12 am
Penzance 9.59 pm to 4.43 am

Sun rises: 4.45 am — Sun sets: 9.15 pm
Moon rises: 11.50 pm — Moon sets: 8.59 am
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Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	18	64	f	Guernsey	20	68	s
Birmgham	21	70	s	Inverness	16	61	c
Blackpool	16	61	f	Jersey	23	73	s
Bristol	17	63	s	London	24	75	s
Cardiff	17	63	c	M'chester	18	64	f
Edinburgh	17	63	c	Newcastle	19	66	s
Glasgow	15	59	c	R'nldsway	14	57	s





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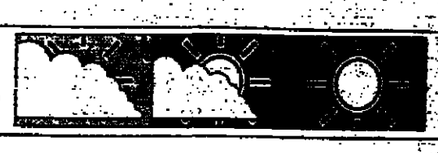
TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.07	7.2	5.20	9.3	Liverpool	2.16	9.1	2.41	8.6
Aberdeen	4.19	4.0	5.04	3.6	Lowestoft	12.45	2.3	12.35	2.5
Avonmouth	10.36	12.2	10.55	12.2	Margate	3.19	4.7	3.23	4.6
Belfast	2.09	3.5	2.42	3.2	Milford Haven	8.33	6.4	8.53	6.5
Cardiff	10.21	11.3	10.40	11.3	Newquay	8.25	6.4	8.45	6.6
Devonport	9.10	4.9	9.16	5.1	Oban	3.49	3.5	9.14	3.7
Dover	2.10	6.3	2.28	6.4	Penzance	8.14	4.9	8.20	5.2
Falmouth	8.40	4.7	8.46	4.9	Portland	10.04	1.8	10.20	1.9
Glasgow	3.55	4.8	4.20	4.3	Portsmouth	2.19	4.6	2.52	4.5
Harwich	2.59	3.9	3.12	3.8	Shoreham	2.03	5.9	2.40	5.9
Holyhead	1.21	5.4	1.53	5.0	Southampton	1.52	4.2	2.31	4.2
Hull	9.29	7.2	10.07	6.6	Swansea	9.33	8.7	9.51	8.8
Ilfracombe	9.19	8.5	9.40	8.8	Tees	6.48	5.3	7.28	5.0
King's Lynn	8.35	6.4	10.17	6.9	Wilton-on-Hse	2.57	4.1	3.06	4.0
Leith	5.51	5.2	6.29	5.1					



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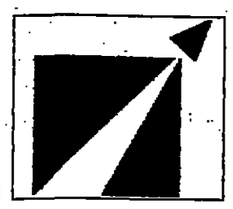
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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.5208 (-0.0027)
German mark .... 2.4645 (-0.0059)
Exchange Index ..... 79.2 (-0.2)
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STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2844.8 (+14.9)
Dow Jones ..... 3535.18 (-9.96)*
Nikkei Avge ... 20844.19 (-98.05)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank..... 6-5⅞%
US Federal Funds..... 3⅛%*
3-month Treas Bills.. 3.11-3.10%*
Long Bond 6.90%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.5230*	£:$ 1.5225
$:DM ..1.6204*	£:DM 2.4672
$:SWfr..1.4550*	£:SWfr...2.2145
$:Ffr ...5.4590*	£:Ffr 8.3090
$:Yen .107.30*	£:Yen ...163.54
£:SDR ..1.0815	£:ECU ..1.2621

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 375.45 ..... PM 372.80
Close 373.90-374.40
New York:
Comex 374.15-374.65*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI .....140.6 April (1.3%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Attali goes on offensive

By Colin Narbrough

JACQUES Attali, the embattled president of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), and under pressure from Washington to step down, has switched to the offensive.

With a confidence that contrasted with the apologetic tone he took at the EBRD's annual meeting in April, M Attali told the American chamber of commerce in London that he was "proud" of the bank's achievement in creating a major international institution in a very difficult economic climate.

The open attack on M Attali by Lloyd Bentsen, the American treasury secretary, last week unleashed a wave of speculation that M Attali was about to be ousted at the bank, or effectively replaced by an American. M Attali noted that under EBRD statutes, the president must come from the EC.

While underlining the high proportion of Americans among EBRD staff, and its links with US companies, M Attali attacked the American banks' lack of involvement with the EBRD, even though he said two US banks are considering a deal with the EBRD for a joint venture between Newmont Mining and Uzbekistan. He said the lack of American bank interest was a "great disappointment".

MARTIN BEDDALL



Flagging no more: Jacques Attali on the attack at the American chamber of commerce in London yesterday over US banks' lack of involvement

Lloyd's names force July egm

By Sarah Bagnall
Insurance Correspondent

STRICKEN names are calling for what amounts to a vote of no confidence in attempts by the Corporation of Lloyd's management to return the 306-year-old London insurance market to profit.

Names are being asked to gather for an extraordinary meeting on Monday, July 5 — less than two weeks after Lloyd's annual meeting is set to take place at the Royal Festival and Queen Elizabeth Halls in London, and less than six weeks after 3,000 names met at the Royal Albert Hall to discuss the business plan, the market's blueprint for survival.

Lloyd's has received two separate requisitions for the egm, which is to be held at 5pm in the underwriting room at Lloyd's. The first is from a group of names headed by Claude Gurney and calls for names to support the motion that Lloyd's is accountable to names and that corporate capital should be introduced only with the approval of two thirds of the 20,000 membership.

Mr Gurney, who was heavily defeated last year when he called for the resignations of the Lloyd's Council, said: "Lloyd's is bankrupt both morally and financially ... Lloyd's is not a business — it is a market — and for too long they have allowed a minority of underwriters to sell whatever stinking fish they care to bring to their stalls on behalf of unsuspecting names.

"It is pointless talking about a business plan until Lloyd's is turned into a plc and run as a business."

The second requisition supports the management and the business plan. Signed by more than 100 names, it includes the motions that it is in the best interest of names that Lloyd's should continue to trade and that the new management of Lloyd's should be allowed the opportunity to implement the business plan.

Train maker cuts 900 jobs

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

■ Nine hundred jobs were lost at the York and Derby rail works as both ABB management and the RMT rail union blamed inertia caused by rail privatisation

MANAGEMENT and unions have blamed delays in placing new orders, compounded by rail privatisation, for the loss of 900 jobs at ABB Transportation, Britain's biggest train builder.

ABB is to cut one third of the 1,500-strong workforce at York works, and 222 employees at the Derby Carriage Works. Other jobs will go throughout the organisation.

ABB said all trains on order for British Rail and London Underground would be delivered by the end of next year, and there was now no hope of new contracts in time to maintain continuity of production.

Bo Södersten, the chief executive of ABB Transportation, said his company deeply regretted the job cuts, but had been left no other option. "We see great long-term possibilities for our products and services, both in the UK and overseas, but it is essential our domestic customers are in a position now to continue a programme of steady order placement if Britain's railway industry is to survive," he said. "We need new orders now."

Jimmy Knapp, general secretary of the RMT rail union, said: "Every job lost today is the result of government incompetence." Despite the "desperate need" for modernisation of Britain's railways, "railways are now being operated in a climate of great uncertainty," he said. "British Rail cannot plan two years ahead. The businesses are unwilling to make any commitment to the future." Orders "have dried up".

The charges echo strident complaints from coal mining equipment makers that the pits rundown has combined with looming privatisation to switch off the tap on new contracts, threatening the survival of their industry too. Gas equipment makers are also blaming a protracted Monopolies and Mergers Commission enquiry for a lack of orders in their industry.

Sir Bob Reid, BR chairman, gave warning in January last year of "the need to avoid a damaging hiatus in investment" during the privatisation process. Last night, British Rail acknowledged that the level of orders for new rolling stock had been severely reduced. A spokesman said the replacement of trains and carriages introduced in the 1950s and 1960s was now largely complete, but added that a fall in revenue caused by the recession had compounded the downturn. He declined to be drawn on the impact of the privatisation plans.

But a Railway Industries Association spokesman said: "I agree with Mr Södersten. There was an investment crisis looming. Privatisation has exacerbated the problem and removed the incentive to do anything about it."

ABB Transportation will be shedding 15 per cent of its 6,134 workers in the latest cuts. When it was privatised in April 1989 under the name BREL, the business employed 8,500. But three rounds of redundancies in 1991 and a fourth in 1992 have already seen large reductions.

After restructuring and a £20 million investment, Mr Södersten, installed by ABB, the parent Swedish-Swiss group, says the plants are now "world class" with outstanding productivity and a highly-motivated workforce.

"The cost level in the UK is very competitive compared with Germany or Switzerland," he said, "and we have the support of British Rail and London Underground in overseas markets. In the long term we should be able to get more work into the UK. But we need the orders now."

The only hope of a UK order is ABB's bid to provide more Networker trains via the proposal to allow BR to acquire trains worth £150 million under leasing arrangements outlined in the Budget. But ABB is bidding against GEC Alsthom, which would like BR to spend the cash on West Coast main line trains from its Birmingham works.

British Gas offers to split UK supply

By Our Industrial Correspondent

BRITISH Gas has offered to break its UK supply business into three if the Monopolies and Mergers Commission will let it retain sole access to domestic customers.

Documents filed by British Gas to the MMC enquiry into Britain's gas market show that the corporation's plans for a market in bulk gas, the key to real competition in gas supply, hinge on a further overhaul of its own business.

Transportation and storage would remain the company's money spinner. But the supply operation would be divided into public gas supply and contract trading arms, with separate buildings and staff.

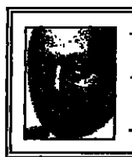
The proposals envisage a wider restructuring of British Gas than the company has hitherto been willing to countenance, but stop short of the far greater restructuring mooted by Sir James McKinnon, the Ofgas regulator, who invited the MMC to consider a break-up into regional supply companies as well.

Helped by regulatory intervention, competitors have already captured a quarter of British Gas's market. But their inroads have been confined to the lucrative firm contract market, where they account for 54 per cent of sales. British Gas delivers rivals' gas through its pipelines, and charges them by distance.

Their success is making it increasingly difficult for British Gas to manage the huge seasonal fluctuations in demand for gas, and leaving the corporation with a disproportionately large commitment to companies who buy cut-price gas in exchange for being cut off during demand peaks, the so-called interruptible market.

In its MMC submissions, British Gas has asked to retain its monopoly over the household market below 2,500 therms a year — 55 per cent of all gas sales last year.

When votes go past their sell-by date



ANTHONY HARRIS

The value of Simon Briscoe's big Midland Bank study of the fiscal mess, a circular the length of a short book, is not that it contains any great surprises, despite the weekend headlines. That much of Mrs Thatcher's fiscal revolution was illusory, and that taxes were cut too far in the second half of the 1980s, has been obvious for some years. This leads to the conclusion that the structural deficit is a good deal larger than the £12 billion or so of vote-buying tax cuts and spending rises of the Major years — possibly double that sum. The voters, who bought the revolution in good faith, now find mould growing on it, and their indignation is grim.

Were the voters cheated, did successive Tory governments deceive themselves, or was the mess a by-product of a different agenda? While there are elements of all three stories, Briscoe's analysis is on balance quite kind. It shows that the biggest mistakes were a by-product of politics, or of expectations that looked perfectly reasonable at the time.

The biggest mistake concerned oil. In her early years Mrs T relied excessive on oil revenues to finance tax cuts; with hindsight, these should have been regarded as unsustainable, and treated as a capital windfall to reduce the national debt. But this was a milder version of a mistake that supposedly hard commercial men, especially the bankers of Texas, were making on a heroic scale. Very few people foresaw then that the oil price would fall back near the real value that ruled before the first oil shock. But the Conservatives have had worse luck. The bankers who bet on a $50 oil price are not running banks any more and having to cope with the mess.

Then there is the question of the family silver — the privatisation of public assets. Lord Lawson has argued in his memoirs that too much has been made of this, and he has a point. The window-dressing was a bit deceptive; but when it is removed, by studying the government's financial deficit rather than its borrowing requirement, a large improvement in the public finances can still be seen. There was a surplus, though not as big as the surplus Lord Jenkins achieved in 1970; so privatisation proceeds were being treated, quite properly, as a capital windfall. So far, so good. It was in fact the government, rather than the voters that was deceived. The surge of revenue that produced the brief surplus in the late 1980s was in reality the result of a runaway boom, and was therefore unsustainable; but as Briscoe points out, the government only learnt of the boom after the event.

Official statistics showed a growth rate of a quite reasonable 3 per cent when the true rate was well over 5 per cent. The fiscal surplus was not so much a triumph of policy as of overstimulation. Bad statistics make bad policy.

With better information, or at least a greater sensitivity to the trade accounts — Nigel Lawson thought that the trade deficit didn't matter — the hyper-boom might have been cooled rather than supercharged in 1987. John Major would have been spared the task of stamping on the brakes. That would have prevented much financial ruin, and might even have postponed our recession until we were dragged, with the rest of Europe, into the German disaster. As things turned out, our troubles were home-grown.

There were other policies piling up troubles for the future. The most important was Mrs Thatcher's civil war with the mainly Labour local authorities. Their government support was cut savagely, partly to help finance income tax cuts, and partly out of political spite. In the end, the burden broke the back of the domestic rating system. The first "reform" cost Mrs Thatcher her job; the second still leaves Mr Major with a diminished local tax base. This is another reason why money to buy votes has run out.

Can he, or any successor, do a González, and win an election despite the necessity to hurt voters? Probably not, but it is not a completely lost cause: President Clinton was even elected to do unpopular things. As Briscoe shows, we may now be nearer than for decades to achieving a sensible policy to control public spending. The Portillo review of spending programmes cannot produce popular answers; but it could produce answers of some kind. The public wants answers; but it will need some convincing, too.

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Eastern European sales lift Oriflame

A surge in sales to Eastern Europe helped Oriflame International, the direct sales cosmetics group, to buck the recessionary trend with a healthy 34.3 per cent advance in full-year profits.

Strong organic growth and acquisitions helped pre-tax profits climb from £8.09 million to £11.0 million in the year to end-March on turnover ahead 29.1 per cent to £57.6 million. Sales in Eastern Europe increased by 132 per cent to £6.4 million.

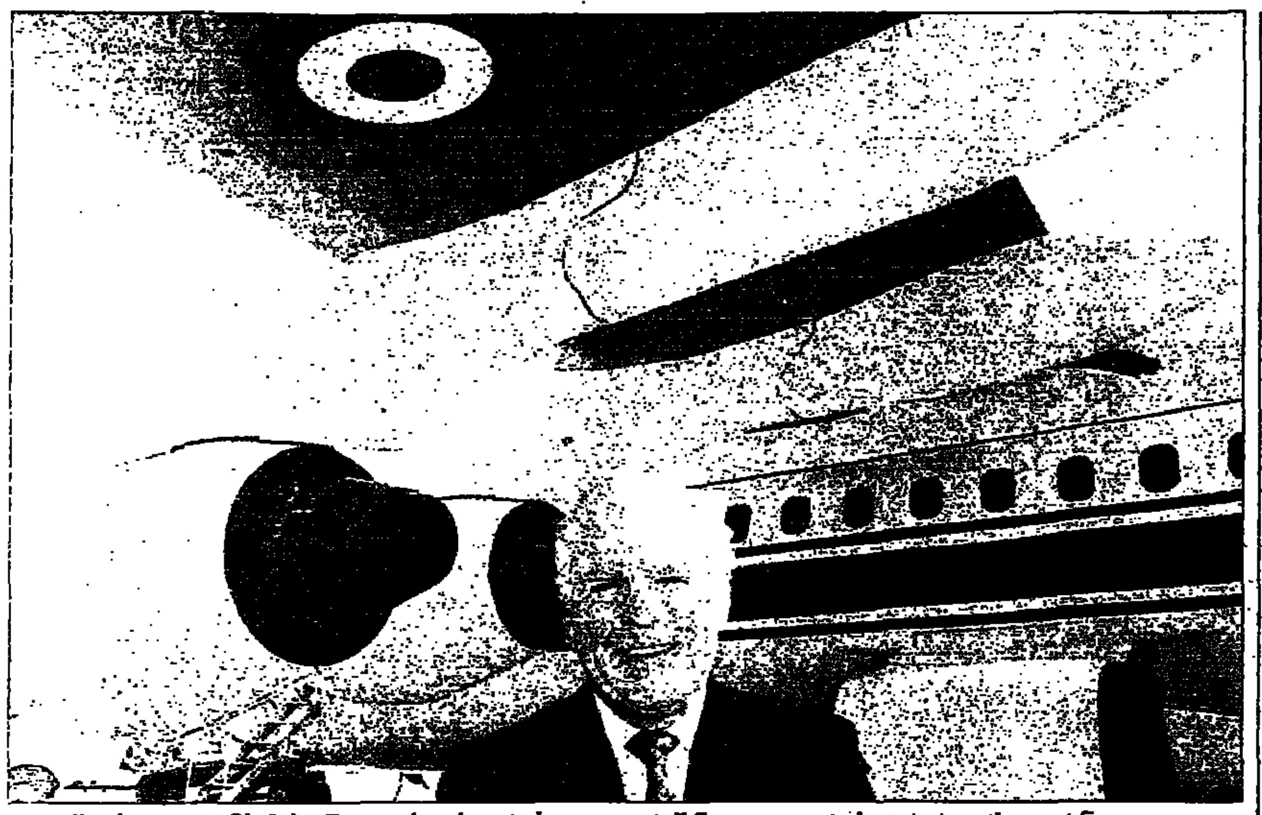
A maintained 8p final makes a total of 12p again. The shares added 11p to 226p.

Cullens falls

Cullens, the food retailer, has disclosed a fall in pre-tax profits to £401,000 (£695,000) for the year to end-February. One continuing difficulty the group said it faced was to attract new franchisees because of the recession. A company statement said: "The situation is unlikely to ease in the near future and we are, therefore, planning further selective store openings this year, using the company's own resources." Final dividend was 0.5p unchanged.

Leigh suffers

Higher interest charges and delays on the commissioning of new plant caused profits to fall by a third to £4.5 million at Leigh Interests, the waste management group. Turnover fell 4 per cent to £97 million. Sales and operating profits during April and May were up on the previous year. The dividend is maintained at 7.65p.



On the ascent: Sir John Egan, who plans to increase retail floor space at airports over the next five years

Shopping helps BAA profits soar to £285m

By Carl Mortished

DOUBLE-DIGIT growth in both shopping and rental income at UK airports is keeping BAA on the ascent.

Pre-tax profits for the year to March leapt from £191 million to £285 million but the headline figure included property writedowns and exceptional costs of £36 million as well as a £24 million profit on the sale of BAA's electricity distribution networks.

On a continuing basis, profits rose 7 per cent to £297 million in BAA's first year under the tough pricing regime imposed by the CAA, which limits growth in airport charges to the retail price index minus 8 per cent.

Passenger numbers grew 7.9 per cent to 78 million but tight regulation kept income from airport charges down to £369 million, an increase of only 1.7 per cent on the previous year.

Sir John Egan, managing director of BAA, is forecasting lower passenger growth of 4 per cent this year but the plan is to increase income from retailing and continue productivity gains. Staff numbers fell by 19 per cent last year.

Income from airports shopping rose 10 per cent to £322 million. Sir John said: "Over the next five years, a further 350,000 sq ft of retail space is planned, taking total floor space to nearly 900,000 sq ft, an 80 per cent increase compared to a year ago."

Part of that expansion is a £20 million flight connections centre at Heathrow between Terminals 1 and 2. Income from property rose 17 per cent to £151 million on the airports with an £11 million contribution from rent reviews. Growth off-airport and from BAA's property developer subsidiary, Lynton, rose 9 per cent to £25 million.

Property writedowns from Lynton continue to spoil BAA's picture, with a £26 million provision this time, half the 1991-2 level. Net asset value per share rose 7.8 per cent to 402p or 805p if a revaluation of airport properties is included. Earnings were 41.7p a share and the dividend is up 10 per cent to 16p.

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Opec 'in breach' of May ceiling

From Reuter in Nicosia

AS MINISTERS of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries converged on Geneva for what may be bruising negotiations on new output quotas, figures emerged showing the cartel breached its formal production target in May.

The *Middle East Economic Survey* (MEES), an industry newsletter, said Opec output last month was 24.2 million barrels per day, some 600,000 barrels above its ceiling.

Meanwhile, the International Energy Agency, the West's oil industry monitoring body, forecast demand for Opec crude in the third quarter will be 24.2 million bpd. This is unchanged from last month's estimate, according to the IEA's latest *Monthly Oil Market* report.

The MEES said most of the overproduction came from Iran, which produced 3.57 million bpd, Kuwait, 1.7 million, and Nigeria, 1.9 million. Iran's current quota is 3.34 million bpd, Kuwait's 1.6 million and Nigeria's 1.78 million.

Opec's May production was 80,000 bpd up from April levels of 24.12 million, with most of the increase coming from Iraq, whose production rose by 50,000 bpd to 500,000, the newsletter said.

The IEA said Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development demand rose by 300,000 bpd or about 0.7 per cent to 39.8 million in the first quarter from the same period last year.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

EC output forecast to shrink by 0.3%

GNP in the European Community will shrink by about 0.3 per cent this year, Henning Christophersen, the EC's economic affairs commissioner, said. In January, the commission forecast growth in 1993 at about 0.8 per cent, rising to 1.8 per cent. Mr Christophersen refused to be drawn on the prospects for next year. He said the commission would be consulting member states on Friday over the 1994 forecasts and would publish its updated figures on June 16.

Referring to the EC's 35 billion ecu (£28 billion) growth initiative, published in April, Mr Christophersen admitted that most of its effects had been absorbed by recession. The commission will relaunch the growth initiative at the June 21-22 summit in Copenhagen, taking into account growth announcements from France, Denmark and Italy. "I don't believe there is more margin for fiscal manoeuvre; we must switch the emphasis to structural policy changes," he said.

AG Holdings to float

AG HOLDINGS, the UK's biggest maker of despatch and shipping reels used for storing and transporting cable and wire ropes, is coming to market. A total of 8.8 million shares will be placed at 125p a share. Of the 8.8 million shares, 6.8 million are being sold by existing shareholders, with the proceeds going to offshore trusts. The company will receive £2.05 million after expenses, which will be used to fund expansion, organically and by acquisition.

Aberdeen payoff

ABERDEEN Trust paid George Robb, its former chairman, £150,000 after he resigned last December. His contract had more than a year to go. The group made £981,000 pre-tax profits for the six months to March 31 (£1 million) and is changing the breakdown of dividend payments. Aberdeen has cut its interim from 1p to 0.5p, with the intention of compensating shareholders in the second half. The group has also cut staff numbers by 25 to 195.

Hicking Pentecost leaps

HICKING Pentecost, the textiles-to-specialist-products group, reported pre-tax profits up 31 per cent to £2.9 million in the year to end-March. The group says current trading is satisfactory. Textiles contributed the lion's share of earnings, with operating profits up 30 per cent to £2.32 million. Earnings per share rose from 11.25p to 13.01p, and a final dividend of 2.65p makes a full-year payout of 4p (3.4p). The group, which is ungeared, is looking for acquisitions.

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Intl Growth	128.75	137.21	+ 1.75	0.37
American Gth	125.95	134.28	+ 0.98	...
European Gth	66.33	70.94	+ 0.02	0.42
Japan Gth	93.46	99.28	+ 1.18	...
Pacific Inc	146.30	148.58	+ 2.51	2.85
Pacific Strategy	125.02	133.71	+ 1.43	0.25
UK Prog Inc	69.99	73.89	- 0.26	4.61
G: British Cos	47.35	49.92	- 0.26	2.70
UK Small Cos	44.88	48.00	- 0.01	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	131.20	131.20	...	5.35
Gilt Fixed	118.20	125.50	- 0.10	6.23
Growth Equity	282.90	302.20	- 0.70	2.19
Guardhill	421.30	450.10	- 0.10	2.24
Income Trust	108.70	116.10	...	3.06
International	158.30	169.10	+ 1.30	0.36
Japan Trust	130.60	139.50	+ 1.20	...
Nth American	250.90	268.00	- 2.00	0.48
Pacific	369.40	394.60	+ 4.60	0.02
European	341.90	365.20	- 0.50	0.74
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 538868				
Global Adv Inc	35.01	37.12	- 0.10	1.64
-do- Acc	36.65	38.85	- 0.10	1.64
Inc Adv Inc	29.02	30.77	...	4.05
-do- Acc	30.45	32.28	- 0.10	4.05
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	79.40	85.06	- 1.56	0.91
Equity Income	109.90	116.90	- 1.20	3.52
European	129.80	137.50	- 0.10	1.15
Intl Situation	74.79	79.56	+ 0.41	...
Japanese	152.00	161.30	+ 1.60	...
North American	97.36	103.30	+ 1.30	...
Scandinavian	113.00	119.40	- 0.30	...
Smaller Cos	31.06	33.04	- 0.04	1.94
European	81.54	86.47	- 0.36	0.61
Euro Sel Opps	95.42	101.78	+ 0.45	0.88
American Emerg	80.45	86.27	+ 2.03	...
Hong Kong	115.64	124.01	+ 1.28	1.87
Japan	238.43	253.31	- 2.64	...
Pacific Growth	157.71	169.13	+ 2.37	0.38
US Smllr Cos	103.50	109.90	+ 1.30	...
-do- Acc	104.60	111.10	+ 1.30	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	83.83	89.26	+ 0.64	2.18
Intl Bond	56.93	57.60	+ 0.45	6.32
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc	69.48	69.82	+ 0.02	5.04
Extra Income	50.16	53.36	- 0.49	3.81
Gilt Yield	116.00	122.30	- 0.10	7.39
Global Income	195.10	207.60	- 1.75	4.22
High Yield	130.80	139.20	+ 0.25	5.94
Smllr Cos Div	47.66	50.70	+ 0.11	4.14
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	88.61	94.29	+ 0.49	...
North American	74.55	79.31	+ 0.45	0.40
European	129.90	138.20	+ 0.80	0.85
Euro Special	76.91	81.82	+ 0.02	0.94
General	258.30	274.80	+ 0.20	3.25
Japan	455.90	485.00	+ 4.60	...
Japanese Special	254.70	271.00	- 0.80	...
Master Acc	213.60	227.20	+ 0.50	1.36
Pacific	269.10	286.30	- 3.80	0.56
Smaller Cos	98.20	104.50	- 3.39	1.60
UK Equity Gth	34.68	36.89	- 0.63	1.76
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	72.44	77.06	- 0.05	0.92
Extra Income	23.47	24.97	- 0.42	3.23
Far East	27.78	29.55	+ 0.16	0.91
Income Gwth	71.14	75.68	- 1.28	2.89
Intl Growth	51.67	54.97	+ 0.34	0.72
Japan	67.93	72.27	+ 0.86	...
Maximum Dist	99.90	101.90	...	6.86
N Amer Equity	38.00	40.43	+ 0.39	0.22
UK Equity	84.94	90.36	- 0.56	3.07
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	52.82	56.19	+ 0.08	4.45
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300, Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	418.20	444.90	+ 0.10	2.91
Equity Acc	793.80	844.50	- 0.20	2.91
Equity Income	89.93	95.67	- 0.11	5.16
European	94.42	100.40	- 0.30	1.20
Far Eastern	188.10	200.10	+ 2.40	0.29
Fixed Interest	51.00	54.26	- 0.76	6.43
Gilt	89.14	94.53	- 0.06	6.51
Global Growth	66.45	70.60	+ 0.73	0.74
Intl Bond	55.89	59.46	+ 0.53	4.78
Japanese	75.06	79.85	+ 0.83	...
Overseas Equity	95.90	102.00	+ 1.10	0.77
Pacific Gth	86.48	92.00	+ 1.35	1.32
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	302.30	321.60	- 6.00	2.93
-do- Acc	663.80	706.20	-13.20	2.93
Contl Euro Gth	49.84	52.47	+ 0.11	1.52
-do- Acc	52.70	55.48	+ 0.11	1.52
Extra Inc	232.40	248.40	+ 2.00	3.86
-do- Acc	577.40	614.30	- 5.20	3.86
German Gth	100.10	105.40	+ 0.30	0.29
-do- Acc	104.90	110.50	+ 0.20	0.29
Growth Port	485.00	516.00	- 0.20	0.65
-do- Acc	485.00	516.00	- 0.20	0.65
Income	440.70	468.90	+ 4.60	3.57
-do- Acc	1130.0	1203.0	+10.00	3.57
Income Port	480.90	511.70	- 1.30	4.29
-do- Acc	485.60	516.60	- 1.40	4.29
Japan Growth	103.00	109.60	+ 1.40	0.01
-do- Acc	103.40	110.00	+ 1.30	0.01
Master Trust	51.47	54.76	+ 0.07	1.49
-do- Acc	55.97	59.55	+ 0.07	1.49
N American Gen	181.30	192.90	+ 1.90	0.01
-do- Acc	209.40	222.80	+ 2.20	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	138.30	147.20	+ 1.20	0.01
-do- Acc	141.30	150.30	+ 1.30	0.01
Pacific Basin	202.00	214.90	+ 2.80	0.57
-do- Acc	213.50	227.20	+ 3.00	0.57
Small Cos Rec	300.80	319.80	- 0.60	2.29
-do- Acc	395.60	416.50	- 0.60	2.29
UK Growth	77.54	82.49	- 0.36	2.30
-do- Acc	90.40	96.19	- 0.42	2.30
Worldwide Gth	279.70	296.50	+ 2.80	0.18
-do- Acc	410.90	437.20	- 4.20	0.18
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	75.96	81.39	- 0.27	2.90
Income	58.85	63.14	- 0.07	5.50
International	57.19	61.36	- 0.40	0.70
American	59.11	63.42	- 0.60	0.30
Japan	57.06	61.22	+ 0.54	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	55.47	59.52	- 0.01	1.90
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 418, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	135.90	144.90	+ 0.42	2.01
-do- Acc	150.40	160.90	+ 0.42	2.01
UK Income	111.10	118.80	+ 0.08	2.68
-do- Acc	125.60	134.30	+ 0.08	2.68
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	79.37	84.88	...	0.80
Far East (Pacific)	138.20	146.70	...	0.63
Income Growth	69.70	73.99	...	3.15
European	66.52	70.61	...	1.28
Nth American	55.19	58.58	...	1.04
UK Growth	75.09	79.71	...	1.62
Intl Growth	94.10	99.89	...	0.65
Charities	105.50	111.90	...	3.80
Intl Income	66.13	70.20	...	4.30
Japan	55.74	59.17	...	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	186.20	197.40	+ 1.10	...
-do- Acc	199.00	211.00	+ 1.20	...
Cash	100.60	100.60	...	5.51
-do- Acc	129.50	129.50	+ 0.10	5.57
European Gth	189.60	201.20	+ 0.20	0.79
-do- Acc	202.90	215.40	+ 0.20	0.79
General	452.20	482.40	- 2.90	2.51
-do- Acc	860.30	917.70	- 5.20	2.51
Global Dist	129.50	136.00	+ 0.50	5.37
-do- Acc	144.90	152.30	+ 0.70	5.37
Income	133.30	142.20	- 0.20	4.79
-do- Acc	196.70	209.70	- 0.40	4.79
International	381.40	406.40	+ 1.30	0.69
-do- Acc	507.20	540.50	+ 1.70	0.69
Japan	193.98	208.60	+ 1.40	...
-do- Acc	199.00	211.20	+ 1.70	...
New Europe	136.50	145.70	+ 0.10	1.78
-do- Acc	138.80	148.10	+ 0.10	1.78
Recovery	288.40	307.70	- 0.30	2.92
-do- Acc	364.70	389.10	- 0.30	2.92
European Inc	73.20	77.81	+ 0.33	3.13
-do- Acc	92.86	98.71	+ 0.40	3.13
Brit Blue Chip	70.21	74.87	- 0.49	3.37
-do- Acc	82.80	88.30	- 0.59	3.37
Portfolio	72.34	76.99	- 0.25	2.94
-do- Acc	82.25	87.54	- 0.29	2.94
Gold General	127.20	136.80	+ 1.90	0.69
-do- Acc	128.90	138.70	+ 1.90	0.69
Pacific	92.55	98.73	+ 1.31	0.85
-do- Acc	97.78	104.30	+ 1.40	0.85
UK Smaller Cos	52.46	55.96	+ 0.12	1.95
-do- Acc	58.55	62.46	+ 0.14	1.95
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. Dealing: 0742 528 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 876				
Balanced Dist	56.55	60.48	+ 0.10	2.90
-do- Acc	57.43	61.42	+ 0.11	2.90
British Dist	75.40	80.64	+ 0.13	2.07
-do- Acc	85.36	91.29	+ 0.15	2.07
European Gth	166.00	177.30	+ 1.00	0.49
-do- Acc	208.40	222.60	+ 1.10	0.49
Extra High Inc	67.68	72.38	+ 0.13	6.15
-do- Acc	119.00	127.30	+ 0.30	6.15
FT-SE 100 Index	47.70	51.02	+ 0.01	2.74
-do- Acc	47.70	51.02	+ 0.01	2.74
Gilt Fixed Int	54.85	57.10	- 0.01	6.89
-do- Acc	146.40	152.40	...	6.89
High Yield	213.30	228.10	+ 0.50	4.82
-do- Acc	503.70	535.50	+ 1.00	4.82
Income	270.90	289.70	- 3.00	3.45
-do- Acc	563.20	602.40	- 6.10	3.45
Japan Gth	358.00	382.90	- 3.60	...
-do- Acc	377.90	404.20	- 3.90	...
Mandarin Acc	97.63	104.40	+ 1.30	0.69
North American	161.80	173.00	+ 2.20	0.44
-do- Acc	204.10	218.30	+ 2.90	0.44
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	263.50	280.80	+ 3.20	...
Deposit Inc	100.19	100.19	+ 0.03	5.69
Deposit Acc	122.53	122.53	+ 0.04	5.69
Euro Gth Acc	275.60	294.60	- 0.20	...
Europa	122.20	131.30	+ 0.20	...
Intl Gth	171.00	182.50	+ 1.10	...
Japan Tracker	80.63	85.43	+ 0.85	...
UK Equity Inc	143.90	155.10	- 0.70	4.23
-do- Acc	176.50	190.30	- 0.90	4.23
UK Ind Tracker	140.10	150.20	- 0.60	3.22
US Eq Ind Trkr	189.40	200.80	+ 2.00	1.44
-do- Acc	200.40	212.40	+ 2.10	1.44
Asian Trader	158.30	171.60	+ 1.40	0.46
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	163.20	167.80	+ 2.10	2.28
European	60.47	61.78	+ 0.05	1.63
Olympian	54.81	56.30	+ 0.55	0.31
Global Bond	46.51	47.03	+ 0.14	6.77
Smaller Cos	66.29	69.35	+ 0.04	0.91
Equity Income	89.02	91.59	- 0.31	5.27
UK Growth	80.69	83.08	- 0.34	2.11
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	45.90	48.95	+ 0.45	1
Australian Acc	286.40	307.20	+ 1.20	...
Conscience	63.08	67.32	+ 0.12	1.05
-do- Acc	68.08	72.65	+ 0.13	1.05
European	164.50	175.60	+ 1.00	1.11
-do- Acc	177	188.80	+ 1.20	1.11
Extra Income	70.90	75.66	+ 0.11	5.86
-do- Acc	108	115.20	+ 0.20	5.86
Far East Gth	167.10	178.60	+ 0.80	0.07
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.42	60.78	+ 0.04	6.38
Gold	44.78	48.15	+ 0.34	...
-do- Acc	48.23	51.86	+ 0.34	...
Income	50.36	53.71	+ 0.06	5.22
-do- Acc	154.10	164.30	+ 0.10	5.22
International	29.60	31.75	+ 0.24	1.04
-do- Acc	42.54	45.64	+ 0.38	1.04
Jap Sm Cos Acc	362.10	386.20	+ 4.80	...
S port Mh Acc	180.10	196.30	+ 0.60	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.88	26.75	- 0.02	2.06
Special Sits	31.92	34.32	+ 0.22	1.41
-do- Acc	36.77	39.51	+ 0.26	1.81
Tokyo	90.21	96.22	+ 0.93	...
-do- Acc	91.12	97.19	+ 0.94	...
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 6321				
N&P UK Growth	66.86	70.92	+ 0.08	2.78
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	73.08	77.34	- 0.01	6.71
N&P Higher Inc	193.30	205.70	- 0.20	4.52
N&P UK Income	98.19	104.46	+ 0.03	3.94
N&P Intl	87.23	93.31	+ 0.48	1.39
N&P Smaller Cos	78.38	81.47	+ 0.40	1.46
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	160.54	170.70	+ 0.47	2.33
Global	279.32	297.79	+ 1.95	1.14
Growth	105.88	112.64	- 0.02	2.35
Income	106.29	113.12	- 0.37	4.40
Intl Bond	124.13	131.02	+ 0.78	6.49
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	134.20	141.20	- 0.40	2.62
-do- Acc	239.30	253.20	- 0.70	2.62
Income	213.50	227.00	- 0.60	3.63
Intl Equity	222.00	236.10	+ 1.40	0.87
-do- Acc	243.00	258.50	+ 1.60	0.87
Equity	210.30	223.70	- 1.00	2.50
-do- Acc	431.60	459.10	- 2.20	2.50
UK Ind 25 Acc	67.96	72.30	- 0.16	1.99
UK Income	59.17	62.94	- 0.20	3.12
UK Smllr Co Acc	73.39	78.07	- 0.03	1.44
New Europe Acc	59.95	63.77	+ 0.28	1.38
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	92.18	98.39	+ 0.26	0.20
P&P Gth Inc	100.41	107.40	+ 0.71	1.31
Intl Gth	485.68	519.46	+ 1.20	0.83
Income	292.56	312.90	+ 0.75	3.51
W wide Recov	307.37	328.74	- 1.67	0.35
American Gth	200.88	214.85	- 3.65	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	184.55	197.38	+ 0.04	0.08
Far East Gth	221.31	236.70	- 0.38	0.12
European Gth	111.77	119.55	+ 0.97	1.33
UK Growth	74.75	79.95	+ 0.25	3.05
High Income	81.95	87.65	+ 0.43	4.54
Japanese Gth	227.74	242.20	- 0.78	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	172.50	183.50	+ 1.90	0.86
High Income	105.20	111.90	- 0.20	3.77
Conv Gilt	107.70	114.60	+ 0.40	6.25
Far East	314.60	334.70	+11.10	0.27
Global Inc Acc	31.16	33.15	+ 0.81	3.14
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Seaderus Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	50.72	53.96	+ 0.90	0.20
Emerging Mkts	62.51	66.50	+ 1.41	0.57
General	46.17	49.12	...	3.35
International	84.11	89.48	+ 0.74	1.35
Gilt Units	24.06	25.73	- 0.02	7.49
Global PEP	34.74	36.96	+ 0.19	2.10
Income Gth	63.64	67.70	...	4.84
European	41.57	44.22	+ 0.10	0.66
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.00	26.60	- 0.18	5.88
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricebank 0426 925691				
Pru Mngd Tst	31.17	33.33	+ 0.20	1.77
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.13	101.13	+ 0.02	5.24
-do- Acc	105.25	105.25	+ 0.03	5.24
Pru Equity	641.52	686.11	- 0.44	2.52
Pru Equity Inc	76.88	82.22	+ 0.02	4.67
Pru European	169.72	181.51	+ 0.60	1.43
Pru Global Gth	78.84	84.32	- 0.44	1.27
Pru High Inc	83.52	89.32	- 0.01	4.94
Pru Intl	162.00	173.26	+ 1.56	0.98
Pru Intl Sm Co	69.69	74.53	+ 0.67	0.64
Pru Japanese	211.09	225.76	+ 2.88	...
Pru Nth Amer	140.98	150.78	+ 2.09	0.83
Pru Pacific Mkt	76.38	81.68	+ 0.95	1.49
Pru Prestr Inc	48.48	50.50	- 0.03	7.56
Pru Smllr Cos	81.62	87.29	+ 0.28	1.86
Pru Spec Sits	96.49	103.19	- 0.02	2.34
Pru UK Growth	107.51	114.98	+ 0.01	2.35
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	148.88	160.55	- 0.51	3.66
NC Japan	289.25	309.92	+ 3.45	...
NC Mid UK Cos	89.44	96.26	- 0.58	2.57
NC America Inc	473.79	508.21	+ 5.10	0.75
-do- Acc	550.30	590.29	+ 6.00	0.75
NC Smlr UK Cos	264.58	288.57	+ 0.82	1.51
NC European	249.81	266.64	- 0.62	1.40
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	71.70	76.27	+ 1.42	3.70
Capital Units	141.90	150.90	...	1.30
Commodity	107.60	114.40	+ 2.00	1.14
European Gth	150.40	160.00	+ 0.20	1.33
Financial Sec	167.90	178.60	+ 0.60	1.89
High Return	210.20	223.60	- 0.60	4.46
High Yield	199.60	212.40	- 1.00	4.11
Income Units	106.20	112.90	- 0.20	5.07
Investment	172.20	183.10	+ 0.50	1.13
Japan Gth	163.30	173.70	+ 2.30	...
Japan Smaller	199.00	211.70	+ 1.70	...
Masterfund	46.22	49.17	+ 0.35	1.30
Scotbits	245.80	261.40	+ 0.60	1.61
Scotshares	253.70	269.80	+ 0.20	2.26
Scotyields	217.10	230.90	- 1.00	4.01
Select Intl	129.00	137.20	+ 1.00	0.72
Smaller Cos	227.20	241.60	- 0.20	3.98
Special Situation	109.40	116.30	- 0.20	0.83
UK Equity	219.60	233.60	- 1.00	2.72
US Growth	137.10	145.80	+ 1.70	0.39
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client Ree: 0800 526 535. Broker Ree: 0800 526 540				
American	232.35	247.81	- 0.19	0.50
-do- Acc	251.21	268.45	- 0.20	0.50
Australian	125.85	134.34	+ 0.87	0.80
-do- Acc	147.56	157.82	+ 1.03	0.80
UK Enterprise	207.80	221.74	+ 0.91	2.38
-do- Acc	240.15	256.15	+ 1.05	2.38
European Gth	59.75	63.58	+ 0.56	1.36
-do- Acc	62.06	66.01	+ 0.57	1.36
Euro Smllr Cos	55.26	58.92	+ 0.18	0.38
-do- Acc	58.64	59.32	+ 0.18	0.38
Far Eastern Gth	72.86	77.71	+ 0.81	...
-do- Acc	74.04	78.97	+ 0.83	...
Fixed Interest	52.38	55.22	- 0.05	6.77
-do- Acc	63.61	67.05	- 0.07	6.77
Gilt Income	101.30	106.75	- 0.09	7.52
-do- Acc	141.48	149.09	- 0.13	7.52
Income	309.12	329.72	- 0.51	3.99
-do- Acc	911.80	972.59	+ 1.52	3.99
Japan Enterprise	72.19	77.00	+ 0.40	...
-do- Acc	72.19	77.00	+ 0.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	502.61	536.11	+ 3.40	...
-do- Acc	501.61	537.19	+ 3.41	...
Pacific Gth	92.25	98.46	+ 0.72	0.20
-do- Acc	96.02	102.41	+ 0.74	0.20
Smaller Cos	186.66	199.12	- 0.32	0.93
-do- Acc	215.71	230.09	- 0.37	0.93
Tokyo	112.41	119.90	+ 0.74	...
-do- Acc	113.55	121.11	+ 0.75	...
UK Equity	206.21	219.97	+ 0.04	2.62
-do- Acc	381.91	407.37	+ 1.74	2.67
US Smllr Cos	132.89	141.74	+ 0.01	...
-do- Acc	132.89	141.76	+ 0.01	...
World Fd	69.77	74.42	+ 0.30	1.58
-do- Acc	73.56	78.48	+ 0.31	1.58
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	45.60	48.56	- 0.39	4.49
Equity Strategy	63.23	69.32	- 0.51	1.12
European Opps	70.29	74.86	+ 0.01	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.10	104.66	- 0.05	5.46
UK Smaller Cos	52.15	55.54	- 0.06	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	337.60	360.90	+ 0.10	2.80
American	240.20	255.00	- 3.20	0.94
Pacific	340.00	363.60	+ 4.70	0.60
European	443.50	474.30	- 1.20	1.25
Worldwide	79.41	84.09	+ 0.48	1.08
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 2486100				
UK Equity	295.70	314.60	- 1.30	2.63
UK Sm Cos Eqty	207.40	220.70	+ 0.60	1.64
European	325.80	346.20	+ 0.10	1.86
North American	249.50	265.50	+ 2.70	0.49
Income Plus Inc	64.06	68.15	- 0.02	2.66
UK Spec Sits	65.48	69.67	- 0.47	2.67
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	25.06	26.65	- 0.12	2.87
Intl Growth Acc	29.37	31.43	+ 0.23	1.10
Market Ldrs Acc	25.49	27.28	- 0.13	3.00
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SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	396.72	...	+ 0.57	...
Global Bond	395.22	...	- 0.08	7.50
Japan Samurai	101.10	...	- 0.10	...
UK Growth	196.85	...	+ 0.18	4.09
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	43.56	46.29	- 0.10	1.71
Equity Gth Acc	58.97	62.66	- 0.30	1.61
UK Eq General	40.96	43.53	- 0.30	2.29
-do- Acc	54.16	57.55	- 0.40	2.29
European Acc	40.60	43.14	- 0.10	1.28
Far East Acc	56.41	59.94	+ 0.40	0.11
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.79	31.51	...	6.73
N American Acc	42.77	45.45	+ 0.40	0.76
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	280.10	304.00	+ 1.30	1.45
UK Eq High Inc	34.54	36.70	...	3.68
-do- Acc	41.02	43.59	...	3.88
UK Lgr Cos Inc	285.10	307.20	- 1.40	3.86
UK Lgr Cos Acc	368.50	399.90	- 1.90	3.86
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Bishops Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	¥233.67	¥233.90	...	1.20
US Eq	$2.107	$2.237	...	0.80
Far East Eq	Y245.9	Y251.2	...	...
Japan Eq	Y249.9	Y265.4	...	...
FT Europe	110.80	117.60	...	2.19
FT North Am	$1.734	$1.838	...	1.09
FT Japan	Y240.0	Y259.2	...	...
FT Asia ExJap	$1.941	$2.062	...	1.69
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	333.60	353.50	+ 3.20	0.32
British	920.00	973.40	+ 1.40	4.21
European	387.70	412.90	- 0.20	1.41
Japan	152.20	161.60	+ 2.00	...
New Pacific	291.00	309.90	+ 3.20	1.30
Mngd Cash	96.01	96.01	...	5.00
Majority Stg	100.19	101.20	+ 0.00	4.76
Inv Tst	185.60	196.70	...	1.83
Saints PPP	360.80	379.80	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Adams, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227380 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	709.70	759.80	...	3.19
N America Acc	113.90	121.80	+ 1.90	0.19
Far East Acc	123.60	132.20	+ 2.00	...
W wide Bond	60.16	63.86	+ 0.50	5.38
European	81.95	87.65	+ 0.15	0.32
Equity Income	79.06	84.56	...	4.33
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	33.81	36.17	+ 0.31	0.73
Managed Assets	116.81	124.94	- 0.35	3.37
UK Income	35.38	37.85	- 0.22	3.01
UK Growth	35.57	38.05	- 0.22	2.41
Worldwide Gth	30.94	33.10	+ 0.21	0.38
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	201.68	214.55	+ 2.53	0.13
-do- Acc	221.51	235.65	+ 2.78	0.13
British Gth	83.21	88.52	+ 0.09	1.80
-do- Acc	97.91	104.15	+ 0.03	1.89
European	92.42	98.32	- 1.71	0.88
-do- Acc	97.49	103.71	- 1.80	0.88
Extra Inc	182.77	194.44	- 2.07	3.87
-do- Acc	291.57	310.18	+ 3.30	3.87
General Unit	257.95	274.41	+ 0.50	2.48
-do- Acc	508.98	541.47	+ 1.00	2.48
Income	311.91	331.82	- 0.14	3.50
-do- Acc	648.19	689.56	- 0.30	3.50
International	481.49	512.22	+ 4.15	0.44
-do- Acc	630.31	670.55	+ 5.43	0.44
Pacific	342.25	364.10	+ 1.36	...
-do- Acc	358.44	381.32	+ 1.42	...
Premier Income	50.02	53.10	- 0.03	6.17
-do- Acc	104.28	108.62	- 0.05	6.17
Ntl Resources	122.67	130.50	+ 3.56	0.22
-do- Acc	134.63	143.22	+ 3.91	0.22
Selected Opps	96.03	102.16	- 0.47	1.13
-do- Acc	120.23	127.90	- 0.58	1.13
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Sml Cos	83.18	88.72	+ 0.28	...
-do- Acc	85.80	91.52	+ 0.28	...
European Opps	59.69	63.52	+ 0.08	0.46
-do- Acc	60.32	64.19	+ 0.09	0.46
Far East Opps	154.56	164.86	+ 1.45	...
-do- Acc	158.15	168.60	+ 1.46	...
Japan	90.92	96.60	+ 1.61	...
-do- Acc	90.92	96.69	+ 1.61	...
Little Dragons	71.12	75.86	- 0.62	0.66
-do- Acc	73.21	78.09	+ 0.63	0.66
Oriental Income	44.55	47.51	+ 0.48	3.35
-do- Acc	56.79	60.57	+ 0.61	3.35
Tiger	222.56	237.15	- 2.09	1.16
-do- Acc	223.74	238.65	+ 2.20	1.16
UK Small Cos	74.93	80.13	+ 0.34	1.98
-do- Acc	87.41	93.48	+ 0.38	1.98
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australian Gold	17.46	18.57	+ 0.31	0.50
Pacific Basin	31.25	33.25	+ 0.30	0.60
Canadian Gth	36.17	38.47	+ 0.78	...
Global Bond	$0.953	$0.993	-0.006	7.38
Penny Share	25.00	26.59	...	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.80	52.80	...	5.40
Gilt Growth	65.51	66.17	- 0.17	...
Gilt Income	51.55	52.64	- 0.10	7.75
Short Dtd Gilt	106.50	107.80	- 0.10	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.713	$0.722	-0.001	...
Challenger	90.50	92.60	+ 0.88	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 Watling Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd.	67.17	71.45	+ 0.31	2.04

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

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Job losses and shrinking fees add up to fewer accountants


Gough: uncertainty

BY JON ASHWORTH

BRITAIN'S leading accountancy firms suffered a year of redundancies and shrinking fees last year and are likely to fare little better in the months ahead, according to the latest round-up of annual fee income.

Coopers & Lybrand, the biggest UK firm, saw total fee income fall 4 per cent to £553 million (£577 million) in the year to May 1. The largest single fall was in management consultancy services, which slipped 9 per cent to £124 million (£136 million). Audit and corporate finance contributed £237 million (£247 million).

Brandon Gough, chairman of Coopers, said the market served by the biggest firms had suffered a third successive year of declining growth. He said: "Economic recession has inevitably taken its toll on our financial results. There is a growing consensus that some form of economic recovery is at last under way, but a degree of uncertainty is likely to remain throughout the current year and the impact on our business will at best be uneven."

Coopers shed 607 staff during the year, leaving total partners and staff at 9,820.

Fee income at KPMG Peat Marwick, the biggest auditor, fell to £490.7 million (£494.7 million) in the year to end-March. Corporate recovery and corporate finance recorded increases, but audit and accounting declined to £196.3 million (£205 million). Management consulting fell to £74.8 million (£81.8 million).

Insolvency assignments included Rosehaugh Properties and the Trocadero shopping and leisure centre in London's West End. Staff fell by 572 to 9,125.

Ernst & Young made total fee income of £390.6 million (£398.9 million) in the year to end-March, a decline of 2.1 per cent. Audit and accountancy, which represents 45.2 per cent of overall income, declined from £181 million to £176.6 million. Corporate recovery work rose 24 per cent to 38.2 per cent on the back of the administration of Olympia & York.

Elwyn Eilledge, senior partner, said that while there was some evidence of recovery, it was important to sustain investment in the UK's transport and social infrastructure. Any excessive action to cut the public sector borrowing requirement quickly by reducing investment was likely to severely damage the recovery and the economy. Total staff fell by 432 to 6,388.

Arthur Andersen reported fee income of £388.6 million, up 17.4 per cent in the year to end-March. The firm lost several audit clients during the year but enjoyed notable insolvency work, including Leyland DAF and British International Helicopters.

Price Waterhouse saw fee income decline to £385.7 million (£400.5 million) in the year to end-March. Corporate recovery contributed £40.9 million (£38.6 million).

Ian Brindle, senior partner, said corporate deals and investment were at a "remarkably low" level. Overall staff and partners fell 6.6 per cent to 6,781.

Touche Ross reported fees of £345.5 million (£349.7 million) in the year to April 15. Income from insolvency work increased to £42.6 million (£41.4 million). The firm is joint administrator of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International and joint liquidator of Polly Peck International.

Grant Thornton saw fee income decline 3.9 per cent to £113.8 million in the year to end-March. Stoy Hayward reported fees of £74.7 million in the year to end-March. Robson Rhodes billed £40.3 million in fees to clients in the year to April 30.

Electricity bills should fall 5% says PowerGen

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

■ PowerGen, the smaller of the two generators, predicted electricity prices would fall and argued the government's remaining 40 per cent stake should be sold

ELECTRICITY bills should fall by 5 per cent over the next five years, says PowerGen, the smaller of the two generators in England and Wales — unless the regional distribution companies decide to pocket some of the savings from this spring's coal deal rather than hand them on to the consumer.

The cost of fuel supplied by PowerGen and the larger National Power will fall by 17 per cent over five years as a result of the agreements signed with British Coal and by 25 per cent over the eight years following the privatisation in 1990.

Some, but not all, of the 12 distributors in England and Wales have passed on the fall in prices already achieved. Ed Wallis, chief executive of PowerGen, said a 17 per cent reduction would allow a 5 per cent saving to the eventual consumer.

"We would expect it to be passed through, but that's for the regional electricity companies to decide with their customers and at some stage possibly with the regulator," he said.

PowerGen was reporting pre-tax profits for the year to April 4 comfortably ahead of City predictions at £425 million against £359 million after a £191 million or 25 per cent fall in salaries and overhead costs. The promise of higher dividends pushed the shares 12p higher at 367½p.

Mr Wallis said the company intended to cut dividend cover over the next two to three years towards 2.5 or 2.7 times' earnings, against a figure of 3.6 last year. In addition, the date of payment is brought forward to November for the interim and July for the final.

The company is paying no final dividend for 1992-3 — a second interim dividend was paid in March to take advantage of the more favourable tax position last year, making a total of 10.5p for the year.

PowerGen's profits were hit by a 2 per cent fall in the amount of electricity sold, although this was masked by lower costs and provisions to cover redundancies. The company lost market share to the bigger National Power and saw increased competition from Nuclear Electric and small independent producers. The group's share of the total electricity market fell from 28.2 per cent to 27 per cent. Margins fell on sales to the distributors because the decline in sales was not matched by a fall in deliveries from British Coal.

As a result, PowerGen's coal stocks rose from 13.8 million tonnes to 15.5 million tonnes, or about six months' current requirements.

Mr Wallis and his board are to meet Treasury officials today for the annual discussion on the eventual sale of the government's remaining 40 per cent stake in the company.

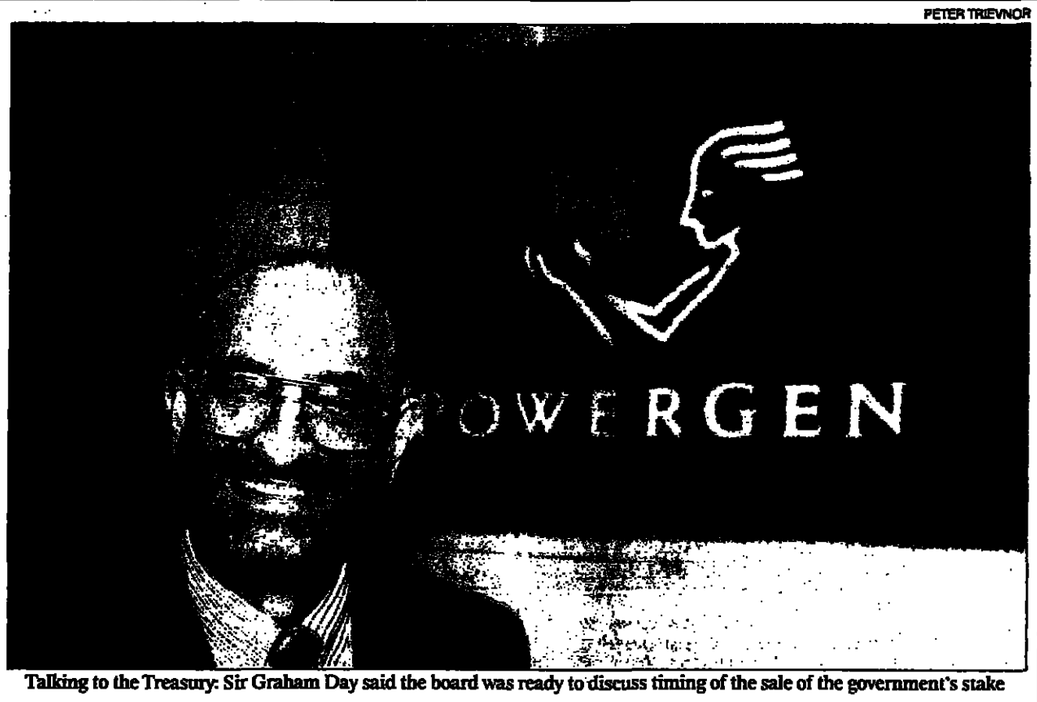
Sir Graham Day, PowerGen's chairman, told shareholders: "Your board is ready to discuss with government its preferred timing and method of sale."

Mr Wallis said the company's preference was for an immediate sale. But observers feel next summer is a more likely date, the government having indicated it does not propose to raise the funds this year.

The cabinet reshuffle last month, which brought Ken Clarke to 11 Downing Street, is not thought to have changed this view.

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PETER TRIEVNOR



Talking to the Treasury: Sir Graham Day said the board was ready to discuss timing of the sale of the government's stake

Shares of Jeyes dive on surprise warning

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

JEYES Group, the maker of household cleaners and hygiene products, saw more than one quarter of its market value wiped out after it surprised the City with a profits warning.

The company, which is reducing its number of manufacturing plants, gave warning that profits for the first half of this financial year, due in September, will be "substantially below market expectations". Jeyes shares dived 122p to 317p.

Jeyes blames the anticipated downturn on a series of factors, including increased marketing and promotional spending, sales behind plan in north America and Europe, and unexpected management redundancies

that will result in an exceptional charge of £600,000 in the first half. But the measures should bring annual savings of more than £1 million. Jeyes insists that prospects for the second half remain good, but this will not offset the decline. Nevertheless, an increased interim dividend is predicted.

Jimmy Moir, chief executive, said: "All of the factors that have combined to reduce profitability in the first half of this year have been addressed. We have had the big knife out, but management's focus is firmly on margin improvement, and I am confident that the second half of 1993 will see Jeyes back on its growth path."

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SIB warns of delay over powers to ban

BY SARA MCCONNELL

THE Securities and Investments Board would only be able to use previously untested powers to ban individuals from the financial services industry after months of consultation with the industry, Andrew Large, SIB chairman, said yesterday.

The board said last week that it would be looking at the role of past management at Invesco MIM, the fund manager which was fined £750,000 plus costs for 55 breaches of rules. However, Mr Large would not say whether the SIB was planning to use its powers under section 59 of the Financial Services Act to bar any Invesco MIM managers responsible for rule breaches.

In his wide ranging review of financial services regulation published last month, Mr Large said the SIB had "found a way to put section 59 to good use in ways which will not impose undue burdens on the industry". He went on: "I therefore expect SIB to be seen to make use of section 59 in future."

Under section 59, all firms have a responsibility not to employ people who have been barred by the SIB. But because the powers have never been used, regulators have not answered such fundamental questions as how a list of banned individuals might be circulated throughout the industry. This and other questions would be raised in a consultative paper.

The SIB could not say how long, on average, these papers took to circulate. However, companies are usually given about three months to respond.

☐ Mr Large has written to 75 organisations that are regulated by the SIB, calling their attention to his review of financial services regulation. He has made it clear he does not want the SIB to regulate firms directly. Instead, the firms should be persuaded to join the proposed Personal Investment Authority.

Consumers' outstanding credit rises by £194m

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT
FINANCIAL EDITOR

THE modest spring recovery in consumer confidence was confirmed by a rise of £194 million between March and April in consumer credit outstanding, almost identical to the previous month's rise of 0.6 per cent.

The two months together were the most buoyant period for two years.

The increase shows that consumers were not paying credit off so quickly, rather than that they were spending more. New consumer credit at £4.42 billion was £300 million lower than the revised £4.74 billion in March.

New credit advanced over the latest three months was still 7 per cent higher than in the previous quarter, with bank card credit rising 10 per cent. The figures exclude home loans.

The Central Statistical Office cyclical indicators continued to rise, mirroring recovery, except for the longer leading indicator, which points to activity 10 months ahead.

This has been growing strongly, but turned down slightly in April because of the setback in share prices, one of the main components of the index.

Emap profits roar ahead

BY OUR DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

CIRCULATION rises, increased cover prices and a healthy contribution from acquisitions helped pre-tax profits at Emap, the fast-growing magazines group, rise from £27.1 million to £42.4 million in the year to end-April.

The group's launch schedule is due to accelerate with the debut of two new titles, in the motors and music field, over the next two to three weeks and a third consumer magazine later this year. The company also recently relaunched *Motor Cycle News*.

Robin Miller, group chief executive, pleaded commercial sensitivity in refusing to reveal the name of the new titles, but at least one is targeted to have circulation of more than 100,000 copies a month, which would compare with Emap's existing best-sellers, such as *Smash Hits* and *Q*.

A final dividend of 5.825p makes a total raised from 7.23p to 7.9p.

Acquisitions chipped in about £4 million to the increase in pre-tax profits, and a saving on interest bills since last June's £78 million rights issue a further £3.5 million. The group retains a further £13 million in the bank, despite £56 million spent on acquisitions last year and £4 million on launches. Mr Miller said the organic growth achieved, in the form of boosted circulation and higher prices, was with no help from the economy, and not much assistance was expected in the year ahead.

Further purchases are expected this year in consumer magazines.

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Accelerating: Robin Miller, left, David Arculus, managing director, and Kevin Hand, consumer group chief executive, have relaunched Motor Cycle News and plan new titles

UK wary of doing business with Koreans

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

EC ministers, concerned that Europe is not establishing sufficient presence in the Korean market, meet in Brussels today to discuss trade relations with South Korea for the first time.

However, the British government is making it clear that it is a reluctant participant in Expo '93, the world fair that opens at Taejon, South Korea, in August, despite official recognition of the potential importance of the Korean market.

The British stance, which appears to South Koreans to be a calculated snub, contrasts with the enthusiastic approach that Britain took to Expo '92 in Seville.

South Korea has made much progress in opening its markets to foreign goods. Firms such as Thorn EMI, British Steel and GEC Marconi have recently concluded important contracts. Yet Seoul's policy of protecting key sectors of domestic industry, such as cars and other consumer goods, is a persistent source of irritation to Britain as well as other European exporters.

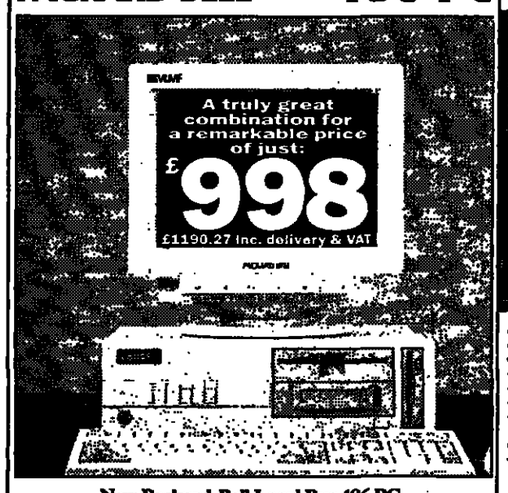
Korea's dynamic economy in part, is why EC ministers are taking trade and obstacles to it more seriously and why some EC countries are taking the Taejon Expo more seriously than Britain. The DTI acknowledges that South Korea is a key player in the Asia-Pacific region, which offers the best prospects in the world for sustained, high growth. By the year 2000, South Korea is expected to have 30 million households with an annual income exceeding $10,000, making it a big consumer market.

Richard Needham, the trade minister, nevertheless missed our South Korea from his current tour of Southeast Asia and there are no plans for a British minister to visit the Taejon Expo.

Although Expo '93 is not a universal exposition, like Seville, it is an event to which the South Koreans attach great political and economic importance. Germany backed the timing of the fair in exchange for Korean support for staging Expo 2000 in Hanover. Britain thought the project premature.

One diplomat dismissed Taejon as: "The wrong Expo at the wrong time in the wrong place."

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Clydesdale withdraws plans for flotation

Clydesdale Group, the electrical retailer, has pulled its flotation at the 11th hour because operating profits announced yesterday — up 26 per cent to £5.62 million in the year to April 3, 1993 — were below expectations.

The group had planned to float later this month. A statement said it had made a good start to the current year, and the directors were optimistic for the year as a whole. It said its expansion strategies had "proved successful in a poor economic climate". It is not saying when it will look again at a flotation.

Henderson to reduce funds

Henderson Administration, which last year bought Touche Remnant, a rival fund manager, for £42.5 million, is embarking on a programme of rationalisation to reduce costs and remove overlap. More than £10 billion of funds are now under management.

Henderson plans to cut the number of unit trust funds by 14 to 21 over the next five months. The group revealed a 14 per cent fall in pre-tax profits for the year to end-March to £14.6 million, despite a £1.5 million contribution from Touche Remnant. The final dividend was lifted 1p to 29.5p, making a total for the year of 42p, up 1p.

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Field facts

Field Group, maker of folding carton consumer packaging, yesterday published its pathfinder prospectus for a placing and public offer of shares. Field wants to to raise money for organic and acquisitive expansion. Publication of the full prospectus, with offer, will be announced on Wednesday, June 23. Dealings start on Wednesday, July 7.

STOCK MARKET

9p off at Kwik Save as store firm faces index checkout

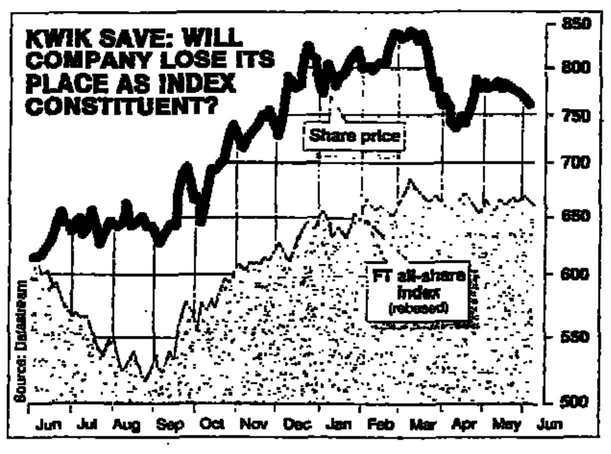
THE discount food retailer **Kwik Save Group** saw its own share price slashed 9p to 752p as word went round the Square Mile that it is about to lose its place as a constituent of the FT-SE 100 index.

The FT-SE steering committee meets for its scheduled quarterly meeting tomorrow to decide which companies should be dropped from the list of the top 100 and elect their replacements. The share price of Kwik Save, whose chief executive is Graeme Seabrook, has been under pressure for some time. Brokers have taken the view that trading conditions at the discount end of food stores will be tricky owing to increased competition from European retailers.

The 100 constituents are calculated by their capitalisation levels. Last week, English China Clays had to give up its membership to make way for Zeneca after the ICI demerger. Other companies that may find their places threatened include **Fisons**, 2p lighter at 157p, and **Lasmo**, up 5p at 162p. Fisons is expected to address a meeting of analysts in America today to discuss prospects for its anti-asthma drug Tilade.

Among companies on the reserve list for entry to the 100 are **Wolseley**, the builders' merchant, 1p firmer at 633p, **Rolls-Royce**, 3p up at 143p, **Eastern Electricity**, unchanged at 461p, and **SG Warburg**, the merchant bank and financial services specialist, down 15p at 720p after going ex-dividend. Warburg has been on the reserve list since 1991.

British Aerospace, up 17p at 387p, is also tipped as an outside contender to return to the premier league after a



recent revival of fortunes reflected in its share price.

Admittance as a constituent has its benefits, often attracting the support of the index-tracking funds.

The rest of the equity market enjoyed a firm start to the account despite prices closing below their best of the day in the wake of a dull start to trading on Wall Street. Price movements were often exaggerated by stock shortages, and the thin conditions were underlined by low turnover, which saw only 450 million shares change hands. The FT-SE 100 ended 14.9 up at 2,844.8.

Against the trend, **Jeyes**, the household cleansing products group, plunged 123p to 317p after issuing a profits warning. The group says that first-half pre-tax profits will drop below last year's £2.11 million and substantially below previous estimates. The group blamed weak sales in



Seabrook: hard conditions

Europe and North America combined with higher marketing and promotional activity.

RJB Mining made a disappointing start to trading, with the shares touching 229p, 21p below the issue price of 250p. The price later settled at 234p, a 16p discount.

BICC eased 2p to 386p as the stockbroker Credit Lyonnais Laing cut its pre-tax profit forecast for the current year by £12 million to £133 million and took the stock off its buy list.

Trafalgar House spent a volatile session, touching 103p before ending 4p cheaper at 106p. The fall was prompted by suggestions from some quarters that the group may be contemplating yet another rights issue soon.

Talk of a £100 million fund-raising exercise accompanying today's figures left **Great Portland Estates** 2p easier at 189p.

PowerGen climbed 13p to 368p after better than expected full-year figures showing pre-tax profits up from £359 million to £425 million. The group said that the result had been helped by continuing cost savings. It was looking to achieve future growth through further cost cutting and development in related business areas at home and abroad.

PowerGen's final dividend rose from 9.5 to 10.5p and it is planned to cut dividend cover in the next few years to a ratio of between 2.5 and 2.7. PowerGen is ready to discuss the sale of the government's remaining 40 per cent stake.

PowerGen's performance cheered the other power generators, with **National Power** up 9p to 353p after going ex-dividend, **Scottish Power** up 5p to 317p and **Scottish Hydro** up 7p to 338p.

Emap, the publisher, pleased the market with a sharp jump in pre-tax profits from £27.1 million to £42.4 million. The group said that the result had been achieved with the help of increased circulation, cover price increases and new titles. The shares responded with a rise of 3p to 364p.

BAA, the privatised airport operator, firmed 5p to 770p after reporting a 49 per cent increase in pre-tax profits last year to £285 million. Passenger traffic grew by almost 8 per cent during the period.

British Airways lost a further 4p at 292p, still weighed down by effects of industrial action, but that still leaves plenty of margin for the rights issue.

MICHAEL CLARK

RECENT ISSUES

Break for the Border (48)	58	...
Bruntcliffe Aggregates (25)	33	...
China Inv Trust (100)	93	...
China Inv Warrants	51	...
Division Group (40)	91	-1
Drew Scientific (105)	134	+6
Inveresk (150)	168	-2
Irish Continental	160	...
OGC (130)	128	+3
Phonelink (155)	250	+17

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Allied-Lyons .... 533p (+13p)
Fairline Boats .... 270p (+20p)
Br Aerospace .... 387p (+17p)
Bass .... 462p (+16p)
Peel .... 210p (+12p)
Lambert .... 385p (+40p)
FALL:
Kwik Save .... 752p (-9p)

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COMPANY BRIEFS

CRITCHLEY GROUP (Fin)
Pre-tax: £3.05m (£2.26m)
EPS: 19.1p (15.3p)
Div: 4.8p
Turnover climbed to £24m (£19.2m), with overseas sales accounting for 43% of sales. Group has had a good start to the current financial year.

JOHNSON & FIRTH (Int)
Pre-tax: £2.07m (£3.32m)
EPS: 0.8p (1.6p)
Div: 1p (1p)
Turnover rose to £63.3m (£60.3m). Trading conditions were difficult, but the group hopes for improved profitability in the second half.

NEOTRONICS TECH (Int)
Pre-tax: £956,000
EPS: 2.38p (2.77p)
Div: 0.85p (0.85p)
Last time's profit was £1.14m. Turnover rose to £10.5m (£9.29m). Gearing in the six-month period was reduced from 13% to 5%.

ACAL (Fin)
Pre-tax: £3.15m (£2.78m)
EPS: 14.6p (14p)
Div: 4.2p, mkg 6.3p
Last time's total dividend was 5.85p. Turnover rose to £68.9m (£58.5m). Year-end gearing remained at 72%, but interest is covered 4.3 times.

MANAKIN HLDGS (Int)
Pre-tax: £192,000 Loss
LPS: 0.96p (EPS: 1.25p)
NAV: 68p (111p)
There was a profit of £379,000 last time. The company hopes to be able to make a further capital repayment to shareholders in 1993.

MOLYNX HLDGS (Fin)
Pre-tax: £486,000 Loss
LPS: 1.9p (EPS: 10.7p)
Div: Nil, mkg 1.3p (4p)
There was a profit of £1.93m last time. Turnover rose to £24.5m (£22m). Company hopes to see a restoration of profitability in 1993.

BRITISH FUNDS

GOVERNMENT securities closed a touch firmer at the longer end, helped by selective support and the fading of hopes of an imminent cut in bank base rates.

The prospect of the Bank of England soon announcing further funding kept most investors on the sidelines. The Bank was able to supply limited amounts of the tranches of existing stock totalling £600 million issued last week. The latest UK credit figures were barely given a second glance.

In futures, the September series of the long gilt rose £3/16 to £103 23/32 in subdued trading with fewer than 12,000 contracts completed.

In the cash market, most interest centred on longs, where Treasury 12 per cent 2012 firmed three ticks to £103 13/32 while the shorter end saw Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 stay at £109 19/32.

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gro red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
103	100	Treas 12¼% 1993	100	-	12.41	5.56
100	99	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.71
106	103	Treas 13¾% 1993	103	-	13.27	5.59
102	101	Treas 8¼% 1994	101	...	8.35	5.64
109	106	Treas 14½% 1994	106	...	13.64	5.59
109	106	Exch 13½% 1994	106	...	12.64	5.56
105	104	Treas 10% 1994	104	...	9.60	5.65
110	107	Exch 12½% 1994	107	...	11.60	5.78
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	104	..	8.64	5.95
111	108	Treas 12% 1995	109	...	11.00	6.11
96	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	95	...	3.14	5.52
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107	...	9.51	6.30
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	114	-	11.18	6.39
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	117	-	11.93	6.69
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	121	-	12.51	6.81
120	116	Exch 13¼% 1996	116	-	11.34	6.82
111	108	Conv 10% 1996	109	-	9.14	6.84
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	119	-	11.11	6.82
113	110	Exch 10½% 1997	111	-	9.45	7.05
108	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	106	-	8.25	7.06
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	128	-	11.71	7.36
112	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	109	-	8.90	7.27
103	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	100	-	7.20	7.08
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98	-	6.84	7.06
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
138	133	Treas 15½% 1998	134	-	11.56	7.56
122	118	Exch 12% 1998	119	-	10.08	7.65
112	108	Treas 9½% 1999	109	-	8.72	7.50
124	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	120	-	10.15	7.75
117	112	Treas 10½% 1999	113	-	9.24	7.60
117	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	112	-	9.08	7.67
110	106	Conv 9% 2000	107	-	8.41	7.64
131	125	Treas 13% 2000	126	-	10.28	8.04
115	109	Treas 10% 2001	111	-	8.98	7.99
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	125		11.14	7.67
114	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	110	-	8.83	8.12
103	97	Treas 8% 2003	99	-	8.02	8.02
116	109	Treas 10% 2003	112	-	8.92	8.21
122	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	118	-	9.73	8.26
74	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	70	+	4.96	7.42
112	105	Conv 9½% 2004	108	+	8.75	8.31
112	105	Conv 9½% 2005	108	+	8.75	8.33
131	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126	+	9.85	8.54
101	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	97	+	8.21	8.34
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	121	+	9.71	8.49
104	97	Treas 8½% 2007	100	...	8.42	8.37
139	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	134	+	10.05	8.55
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
108	101	Treas 9% 2008	105	...	8.57	8.39
99	92	Treas 8% 2009	96	+	8.31	8.45
108	100	Conv 9% 2011	104	...	8.63	8.51
108	100	Treas 9% 2012	104	-	8.63	8.53
76	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73	-	7.47	8.24
97	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92	-	8.40	8.53
135	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	130	-	9.19	8.75
105	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	101	-	8.60	8.57
		UNDATED				
48	43	Consols 4%	46	+	8.60	...
42	38	War Ln 3½%	40	+	8.64	...
63	60	Conv 3½%	61	-	5.66	...
31	28	Consols 2½%	30	-	8.26	...
30	27	Treas 2½%	29	-	8.62	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
134	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	134	...	...	1.35
197	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	196	...	2.05	2.83
109	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108	...	2.42	3.01
166	159	Treas IL 2% 2001	165	...	2.93	3.28
163	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161	...	3.03	3.32
111	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	109	...	3.15	3.43
170	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	168	...	3.15	3.37
154	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152	...	3.31	3.51
159	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157	...	3.38	3.55
131	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129	...	3.43	3.59
139	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	137	...	3.49	3.65
133	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132	...	3.54	3.68
111	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	109	...	3.56	3.68
111	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	110	...	3.57	3.69

WORLD MARKETS

Dow slips amid lack of enthusiasm

New York — Wall Street shares traded lower at midday amid a lack of enthusiasm on the stock market despite strength in bonds. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 9.96 at 3,535.18. Uncertainty over inflation data due this week deterred buyers.

□ **Tokyo** — Shares closed mixed, giving up earlier gains in late arbitrage-linked selling, brokers said. The Nikkei was down 38.05, or 0.18 per cent, at 20,844.19. The market lacked themes, with people reluctant to move before settlement of June futures and options, and a Bank of Japan economic survey, both on Friday. "Arbitrageurs started to sell stocks as futures prices weakened," one broker said.

□ **Singapore** — Shares closed weaker, with investors reported to be cautious in taking new positions. The Straits Times index closed down 14.76 at 1,856.12. "The market is undergoing a long-overdue correction after an extended bull run," a broker said.

□ **Frankfurt** — German shares showed unexpected strength, shrugging off weak fundamentals and losses in Bund futures to close at a six-week high after chart-driven trade. The Dax closed up 17.76 at 1,655.61. *(Reuter)*

	June 7 midday	June 4 close
AMP Inc	61	61
AMR Corp	70	70
Abbott Labs	25	25
Aetna Life	53	53
Ahmanson (HF)	17	18
Air Prod & Chem	42	42
Albertson's	53	52
Alcan Aluminum	19	19
Alco Standard	49	48
Allied Signal	65	65
Alum Co of Am	69	69
Amax	22	22
Amerada Hess	54	54
Amer Brands	32	32
Amer Cyanamid	51	51
Amer El Power	35	35
Amer Express	28	28
Amer Genl Corp	30	31
Amer Home Pr	65	66
Amer Intl	127	129
Amer Stores	42	42
Amer T & T	62	61
Ameritech	74	73
Amoco	57	57
Anheuser-Busch	51	52
Apple Computer	52	54
Archer Daniels	23	23
Arkla	10	10
Armco	7	7
Armstrong Wrld	30	30
Asarco	20	20
Ashland Oil	29	29
Atl Richfield	123	124
Auto Data Pro	50	49
Avery Dennison	30	30
Avon Products	54	54
Baker Hughes	29	29
Baltim Gas & El	24	24
Banc One	51	53
BankAmerica	42	43
Bank of NY	52	54
Bankers Tr NY	70	71
Barnett Banks	43	44
Bausch & Lomb	50	52
Baxter Intl	29	29
Becton Dickinson	36	37
Bell Atlantic	55	55
BellSouth	53	53
Black & Decker	21	21
Block (H&R)	35	35
Boeing	39	39
Boise Cascade	25	25
Borden Inc	19	19
Bristol-Myrs Sq	59	59
Browning Ferris	27	27
Burlington Nthn	51	51
CBS	247	248
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CPC Intl	43	42
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Caterpillar	75	74
Central & SW	32	32
Champion Intl	33	33
Chase Manhat	29	29
Chemical Bk	39	37
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Chubb Corp	84	85
Cigna Corp	58	59
Citicorp	26	27
Clorox	49	49
Coastal Corp	28	28
Coca Cola	41	41
Colgate-Palmolive	54	55
Columbia Gas	25	25
Commonw Ed	27	27
Compaq Comp	58	59
Comp Ass Int	27	27
Conagra	25	25
Cons Edison	34	34
Cons Nat Gas	53	53
Cons Rail	57	53
Cooper Inds	50	50
Corning Inc	33	34
Crown Cork	38	39
Dana Corp	53	54
Dayton Hudson	66	65
Deere	64	64
Delta Air Lines	54	55
Deluxe Corp	45	46
Detroit Edison	35	34
Digital Equip	43	43
Dillard Dept St	39	39
Disney (Walt)	44	44
Dominion Res	42	42
Donelley (RR)	29	29
Dover Corp	47	47
Dow Chemicals	56	56
Dow Jones	29	29
Dresser	23	22
Duke Power	38	39
Dun & Bradstreet	58	58
Du Pont	52	52
Eastman Kodak	51	51
Eaton Corp	90	89
Emerson Elec	61	61
Engelhard Corp	34	35
Enron Corp	59	60
Entergy Corp	34	34
Ethyl Corp	29	29
Exxon	65	65
FMC Corp	44	44
FPL Group	37	37
Federal Express	49	48
Fed Nat Mtge	76	77
First Chicago	36	37
First Interstate	54	56
First Union Rly	10	9
Fleet Fnl Grp	28	29
Fluor Corp	41	41
Ford Motor	55	55
GTE Corp	35	35
Gannett	51	51
Gap Inc Del	33	33
Gen Cinema	38	38
Gen Dynamics	95	95
Gen Electric	94	93
Gen Mills	64	64
Gen Motors	41	41
Gen Reinsurance	113	114
Gen Signal	65	65
Genuine Parts	36	36
Georgia Pac	65	63
Gillette	50	49
Glaxo ADR	17	17
Goodrich (BF)	45	44
Goodyear Tire	40	41
Grace (WR)	40	40
Grt Atl Pac Tea	34	34
Great Wstn Fin	15	16
Halliburton	42	42
Heinz (HJ)	37	37
Hercules	73	74
Hershey Foods	51	50
Hewlett Packard	86	87
Hilton Hotels	50	52
Home Depot	44	44
Homestake Mng	18	18
Honeywell	37	37
Household Intl	68	68
Houston Inds	44	44
Humana	11	11
ITT Corp	84	84
Illinois Tool	74	74
INCO	22	22
Ingersoll Rand	39	34
Inland Steel	25	25
Intel Corp	58	112
IBM	53	54
Intl Flav & Fr	115	116
Intl Paper	66	66
James River Va	23	23
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	43	42
K Mart	22	23
Kellogg	53	52
Kerr-McGee	52	52
Kimberly-Clark	47	48
Knight-Ridder	54	55
Lilly (Eli)	49	49
Limited Inc	24	24
LIN Brdcastng	96	97
Lincoln Nat	77	76
Litton	58	58
Liz Claiborne	33	33
Lockheed Corp	63	62
Louisiana Pac	67	67
MCI Commun	55	55
Marriott	25	25
Marsh & McLenn	88	89
Masco Corp	31	32
May Dept St	73	72
Maytag Corp	15	15
McCaw Cellular	43	43
McDonalds	50	50
McDonnell D	69	68
McGraw Hill	57	58
Mead Corp	45	45
Medtronic	66	67
Mellon Bk	52	53
Melville Corp	46	46
Merck Inc	36	36
Merrill Lynch	73	74
Minnesota Mine	115	115
Mobil Corp	70	70
Monsanto	57	58
Morgan (JP)	64	65
Motorola Inc	87	86
Natl Medical	9	9
Natl Semi	15	15
Natl Service Ind	26	26
Navistar Int	2	2
NBD Bancorp	30	30
NY Times A	27	28
Newmont Mng	51	51
Niag Mohawk	23	23
Nike B	70	70
NL Industries	4	4
Nordstrom	28	28
Norfolk Sthn	63	62
Nthn State Pwr	44	44
Norwest Corp	46	47
Nynex Corp	85	85
Occidental Pet	21	22
Ohio Edison	24	24
Oracle Systems	42	44
Oryx Energy Co	22	22
Owens Corning	41	41
PNC Financial	29	30
PPG Industries	72	72
Paccar Inc	56	56
Pacificorp	18	17
Pac Enterprises	24	24
Pac Gas & Elect	34	34
Pac Telesis	49	49
Pall Corp	17	17
Panhandle East	22	22
Paramnt Comm	53	54
Parker Hannifin	33	33
Penney (JC)	49	48
Pennzoil	65	64
Pepsico	35	36
Pfizer	69	69
Phelps Dodge	45	46
Philadel Elec	29	29
Philip Morris	50	50
Phillips Pet	31	31
Pitney Bowes	42	42
Polaroid	36	36
Price Co	29	29
Primerica	45	46
Procter & Gmbl	48	48
Pub Serv E & G	33	33
Quaker Oats	72	72
Ralston Purina	45	44
Raychem Corp	45	45
Raytheon	56	56
Reebok Intl	34	34
Reynolds Metals	46	47
Roadway Srvcs	53	53
Rockwell Intl	32	31
Rohm & Haas	58	58
Royal Dutch	92	91
Rubbermaid	31	31
Safeco Corp	58	58
St Paul's Cos	80	80
Salomon Inc	36	36
Santa Fe S Pac	16	16
Sara Lee Corp	24	24
Scecorp	48	48
Schering Plough	64	64
Schlumberger	66	67
Scott Paper	35	35
Seagram	26	27
Sears Roebuck	52	53
Shell Trans	56	56
Sherwin Wlms	31	31
Skyline Corp	17	17
Snap-On-Tools	37	37
Southern Co	40	40
Shwestern Bell	38	38
Sprint Corp	30	30
Stanley Works	45	45
Sun Company	25	25
Suntrust	43	44
Supervalu	33	33
Syntex Corp	19	19
Sysco Corp	26	26
TRW Inc	68	68
Tandem Comp	12	12
Tandy Corp	31	30
Telecom Corp	4	4
Teledyne	20	20
Temple Inland	44	45
Tenneco	49	48
Texaco	65	65
Texas Inst	68	68
Texas Utilities	45	46
Textron	53	54
Time Warner	39	39
Times-Mirror	30	30
Timken	31	31
Torchmark	54	55
Toys R Us	38	39
Transamerica	50	49
Travelers Corp	28	29
Tribune	52	53
Tyco Labs	40	41
UAL Corp	136	136
UST Inc	29	29
USX Marathon	18	18
Unilever NV	106	105
Union Camp	44	44
Union Carbide	18	18
Union Pacific	61	61
Unisys Corp	11	11
USAIR Group	22	21
USF&G Corp	17	17
US Life	39	39
US West	44	44
United Tech	52	52
Unocal Corp	31	31
Upjohn	29	29
VF Corp	48	47
WMX Tech	35	36
Wal-Mart Stores	26	26
Warner-Lambert	69	69
Wells Fargo	97	101
Westinghouse El	14	14
Weyerhaeuser	44	44
Whirlpool	55	55
Whitman	19	19
Winn Dixie	59	56
Woolworth	29	29
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	34	34
Xerox	75	75

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	2,500	Carlton C	367	Legal & Gn	301	Scot & New	1,000
Abbey Natl	1,500	Coats Vyla	1,000	Lloyds Bk	1,300	Scot Power	1,200
Alld-Lyons	1,500	Cm Union	882	MB Cardn	266	Sears	2,500
Anglian W	860	Courtaulds	425	Marks Spr	2,500	Svrn Trent	525
Argyll Gp	1,800	De La Rue	308	NFC	570	Shell Trans	1,500
Arjo Wig	2,000	Enterpr Oil	255	NatWst Bk	1,900	Siebe	938
AB Foods	232	Fisons	2,800	Nat Power	3,300	SmKl Bch	839
BAA	1,000	Forte	2,700	Nth Wst W	393	Smith Nph	975
BAT Inds	3,700	GRE	2,200	Nthrn Fds	1,700	Sthrn Elec	245
BOC	703	GUS A	128	P & O	1,900	Std Chartd	543
BP	2,100	Gen Acc	1,800	Pearson	437	Sun Allnce	2,000
BT	3,200	Gen Elec	3,600	PowerGen	4,200	TI Gp	1,400
BTR	3,300	Glaxo	3,300	Prudential	1,400	TSB	1,400
Bk of Scot	3,900	Granada	1,100	RTZ	1,100	Tate & Lyle	625
Barclays	688	Grand Met	2,500	Rank Org	2,600	Tesco	1,900
Bass	1,700	Guinness	1,700	Reckitt Col	339	Thames W	2,100
Blue Circle	1,500	HSBC	1,000	Redland	737	Thrn EMI	282
Boots	1,900	Hanson	4,100	Reed Intl	683	Tomkins	1,200
Bowater	408	ICI	2,000	Rentokil	352	Unilever	1,400
Brit Airwys	1,000	Inchcape	931	Reuters	194	Utd Bisc	541
Brit Gas	10,000	Kingfisher	1,100	Rothmans	192	Vodafone	7,500
Brit Steel	4,900	Kwik Save	608	Ryl Ins	2,800	Wellcome	782
Burmah C	72	LASMO	2,700	Ryl Bk Scot	1,900	Whitbd 'A'	757
Cable Wire	1,200	Ladbroke	2,500	Sainsbury	884	Wilms Hld	371
Cadbury	904	Land Secs	998	Scot Hydro	917	Zeneca	2,400

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3535.18 (-9.96)
S&P Composite .... 448.80 (-1.26)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 20844.19 (-38.05)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 7124.73 (-32.76)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 105.7 (+1.0)

Sydney: AO .... 1738.5 (-2.6)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1655.61 (+17.76)

FT 30 share: .... 2224.4 (+11.2)

Brussels:
General .... 6052.35 (+9.13)

Paris: CAC .... 509.15 (-3.38)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 509.9 (+3.2)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1406.70 (+6.40)
FT 500 .... 1526.69 (+6.79)
FT Gold Mines .... 189.1 (+5.2)
FT Fixed Interest .... 111.13 (+0.58)
FT Govt Secs .... 94.99 (-0.19)
Bargains 28163
SEAQ Volume 456.0m
USM (Datastrm) .... 139.69 (+1.06)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
June 1	June 11	September 2	September 13

Call options were taken out on 7/6/93: Amstrad, Chloride, Dare Estates, Dunhill Hldgs, Greycoat, LEP, Midland & Scottish, Nurdin & Peacock, Phonelink, Proteus Ind, TI Group, Waverley.
Puts: LEP, ML Laboratories, Monarch Res, Simon Engineering.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 93	2831.0	2857.0	2831.0	2850.0	9662
Previous open interest: 48526	Sep 93	2858.0	2875.5	2858.0	2870.5	2516
Three Month Sterling	Jun 93	94.05	94.05	94.01	94.02	5247
Previous open interest: 333884	Sep 93	94.20	94.22	94.16	94.19	19064
	Dec 93	94.23	94.24	94.19	94.21	4756
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 93	96.60	96.61	96.60	96.60	134
Previous open interest: 18361	Sep 93	96.32	96.33	96.32	96.33	306
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 93	92.41	92.47	92.41	92.46	8419
Previous open interest: 598517	Sep 93	93.18	93.27	93.14	93.23	41758
Long Gilt	Jun 93	104-12	104-24	104-12	104-22	1988
Previous open interest: 67222	Sep 93	103-14	103-26	103-11	103-23	15001
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	107.15	107.22	107.14	107.18	833
	Dec 93				106.33	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 93	93.60	93.63	93.37	93.62	18971
Previous open interest: 167963	Sep 93	94.03	94.23	93.78	94.11	93107
German Gov Bd Bobl	Jun 93	98.09	98.09	97.89	98.06	1504
Previous open interest: 23468	Sep 93	98.47	98.70	98.27	98.59	4258
Three month ECU	Jun 93	92.36	92.39	92.36	92.36	608
Previous open interest: 26820	Sep 93	93.05	93.11	93.05	93.09	667
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 93	94.90	94.90	94.87	94.87	408
Previous open interest: 41154	Sep 93	95.25	95.25	95.21	95.22	2510
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 93	99.80	99.80	99.41	99.67	6640
Previous open interest: 38311	Dec 93				99.520	

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 79.2 (day's range 79.1-79.2).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for June 7	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7618-2.7727	2.7692-2.7727	⅛-⅜ds	½-⅞ds
Brussels	50.59-50.81	50.69-50.75	3-7ds	12-16ds
Copenhagen	9.4190-9.4580	9.4330-9.4550	1⅞-3⅛ds	5½-7¼ds
Dublin	1.0101-1.0167	1.0146-1.0167	3-7ds	12-16ds
Frankfurt	2.4598-2.4699	2.4656-2.4688	⅛-⅜ds	⅞-1⅛ds
Lisbon	233.39-234.99	234.08-234.55	160-170ds	450-488ds
Madrid	188.92-189.77	189.33-189.77	91-102ds	244-270ds
Milan	2242.10-2257.10	2247.90-2257.10	7-10ds	25-28ds
Montreal	1.9347-1.9472	1.9451-1.9472	0.25-0.13pr	0.43-0.25pr
New York	1.5175-1.5230	1.5220-1.5230	0.36-0.34pr	0.99-0.97pr
Oslo	10.4200-10.4630	10.4400-10.4630	½-1⅞ds	2⅞-4⅛ds
Paris	8.2950-8.3160	8.3020-8.3160	1⅛-1⅝ds	3⅛-3⅝ds
Stockholm	11.0530-11.0800	11.0560-11.0800	1⅝-2⅞ds	5½-7ds
Tokyo	162.71-163.64	163.44-163.64	½-⅜pr	1⅛-1pr
Vienna	17.31-17.40	17.35-17.38	1⅛-2⅛ds	3⅞-5⅛ds
Zurich	2.2109-2.2216	2.2129-2.2160	⅛pr-par	½-⅜pr

Source: Extel — *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5139-1.5165
Australia dollar	2.2502-2.2534
Bahrain dinar	0.566-0.578
Brazil cruzeiro*	67457.2-70170.5
Cyprus pound	0.725-0.735
Finland marka	8.287-8.403
Greece drachma	332.5-339.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.7288-11.7381
India rupee	47.23-48.19
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4515-0.4615
Malaysia ringgit	3.8784-3.8826
Mexico peso	4.7-4.8
New Zealand dollar	2.8241-2.8314
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.627-5.753
Singapore dollar	2.4432-2.4464
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9486-7.0142
S Africa rand (com)	4.8435-4.8514
U A E dirham	5.508-5.632

Barclays Bank GTS * *Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4823-1.4834
Austria	11.41-11.42
Belgium (Com)	33.34-33.35
Canada	1.2783-1.2788
Denmark	6.209-6.219
France	5.4675-5.4725
Germany	1.621-1.622
Hong Kong	7.7265-7.7275
Ireland	1.498-1.500
Italy	1477.5-1480.5
Japan	107.4-107.5
Malaysia	2.555-2.556
Netherlands	1.820-1.821
Norway	6.867-6.877
Portugal	154.15-154.35
Singapore	1.6095-1.6105
Spain	124.5-124.6
Sweden	7.284-7.294
Switzerland	1.4563-1.4573

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6½ Low 6 Week fixed: 6
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅞; 3 mth 5⅞. Sell: 2 mth 5¾; 3 mth 5¾.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5¾-5⅝	
Sterling Money Rates:	6-5⅞	6-5⅞	6-5⅞	6-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞
Interbank:	6-5⅞	6-5⅞	6-5⅞	6-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞

Overnight: open 6⅛, close 6.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5⅞	n/a	5⅞	5⅞	5⅞
Sterling CDs:	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾
Dollar CDs:	3.17-3.14	n/a	3.30-3.27	3.46-3.43	3.81-3.78
Building Society CDs:	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	6-5⅞

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: May 28, 1993. Agreed rates June 23, 1993 to July 25, 1993, Schemes II & III: 7.30%. Reference rate May 1, 1993 to May 28, 1993, Scheme IV & V: 6.039%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅜-3¼	3⅝-3½	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	7⅝-7½	7⅝-7½	7⅝-7½	7⅜-7¼	8-7½
French Franc:	8-7⅞	7⅞-7¾	7⅞-7¾	7⅝-7½	8-7½
Swiss Franc:	5⅛-5	5⅛-4⅞	5⅛-5	5-4⅞	5⅛-4½
Yen:	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3⅛-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $374.75-375.25 - Close $373.90-374.40 High: $376.00-376.50 Low: $371.50-372.00 Krugerrand: $373.00-375.00 (£244.00-246.00)
Sovereigns: Old $88.00-90.00 (£56.00-58.00) New $88.00-90.00 (£56.00-58.00)
Platinum: $386.00 (£254.60) Silver: $4.44 (£2.91) Palladium: $123.50 (£81.45)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyon	500	39	54	62	7	15	23
(*532½)	550	12	27	36	32	40	47
Argyll	330	17½	27½	32½	13	19½	25½
(*343½)	360	4½	14½	19½	33	37½	42
ASDA	67	6	9	-	3½	6½	-
(*69½)	76	2½	5	-	9	11½	-
Boots	420	32	45	51	7	15	20
(*440)	460	10	24	30	28	34	41
Br Airways	287	15	29½	34	9½	16½	21½
(*291½)	316	5½	16	20½	29½	33	38
BP	300	20	27	33	7	15	19½
(*308½)	330	6	14½	19½	24½	31	35
Br Steel	100	8½	12	16½	6	8	10
(*103)	110	4	7½	12	12	15	17½
C & W	700	45	61	73	15	26	35½
(*730)	750	15½	34½	47½	42	52½	61½
CU	580	29	38	-	10½	30	-
(*589½)	629	8½	18	-	48	61	-
ICI	681	36	48½	61	16½	34	43½
(*696½)	750	7½	19½	30	61	77	85
Kingfishr	584	31	46	-	15	28	-
(*594)	632	10	24	-	45	56	-
Land Sec	550	42	54	62	5½	11	18
(*597)	600	12	25	32	28	33	38
M & S	330	20	31	36	7	12½	16½
(*340)	360	5½	15	22	23	28	32
Nat West	460	24	35	45	15	27	32
(*463½)	500	8	18	29	41	52	56
Sainsbury	460	41	54	61	6½	16	20
(*491)	500	16	31	39	24	31	38
Shell	600	25	35½	44½	12	25	30
(*610)	650	5½	13½	23	44½	55½	59
Smkl Bch	420	44½	55½	64½	7	17½	25
(*449½)	460	18	33	43	24	35	44
Storehse	200	12	20	24	9	15	20
(*206)	220	5	11	16	23	27	32
Trafalgar	101	9	14	-	4½	7½	-
(*106)	110	5	9	15	9½	12½	15½
Unilever	1000	48	73½	87	15	26½	35½
(*1025½)	1050	20½	45	60	41½	52	61½
Zeneca	600	44	57½	72½	14	34½	44½
(*617½)	650	17	33	49½	41	63	71½
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Feb**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Feb**
Grnd Met	390	26	34	44	10	18	28½
(*405)	420	10½	20	32	28	34½	45
Ladbroke	180	17	24½	29	7	16	21
(*188)	200	7	15	20½	18½	27	32½
Utd Bisc	360	40½	50	56	8½	14½	23
(*385½)	390	23	33½	41	21½	28½	37

Series		Calls Aug	Nov	Jan	Puts Aug	Nov	Jan
BAA	750	33	54½	59	20½	30	36½
(*770)	800	11	30	35	51½	58	63½
Thames W	460	26½	37	39½	11	19	22
(*471)	500	7½	17	20½	33½	41	44
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
BAT Ind	425	25	32	42	14	28	32
(*430)	450	11	22	30	31	44	48
BTR	600	26	39	49	14	26½	31
(*609½)	650	6½	17½	25½	46	56	60
Br Aero	360	48	67	72½	16	31½	38½
(*386½)	390	32	50	58	30	47	54½
Br Telecm	390	28	32	35½	7	16	23
(*407)	420	12	17½	21	21	34	30½
Cadbury	420	37	48	57	7	16	19½
(*445)	460	14½	26	35	26	35	39
Guinness	460	34½	47	58	13	23½	29
(*474)	500	15	27½	37½	35	45½	50
GEC	300	27½	31½	35	6	9½	13
(*320½)	330	8	15½	20	21	25	28
Hanson	220	18	22½	25½	4½	9	12
(*231½)	240	6½	12½	15½	13½	19	22
LASMO	140	27½	33	38	3½	8½	12
(*161)	160	14½	21½	27	11	17½	21
Lucas	130	12	19	21½	7½	13	17½
(*134)	140	8	13½	16½	13½	21½	23½
Pilkingtn	130	10	16	19	8	12½	17
(*135)	140	5½	12	15	15	18	23
Prudential	300	26	33	38	5½	13	14
(*317)	330	10	17	23	20	28	31
Redland	460	43	56	64	11	25	33½
(*488½)	500	21	35	44	29	44	54
Royal Ins	288	19	28	36	11	18	22
(*292)	317	7	15	23	29	35	39
Tesco	200	25	31	35	4	9	11½
(*219)	220	12	19	25	10½	17	20
Vodafone	420	50½	64½	71½	6	15	18½
(*467½)	460	24	39½	49	20	30	35
Williams	300	19½	27	34	9½	18	22
(*308)	330	6½	13½	20½	28½	37	40

FT-SE INDEX (*2845)

	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000
Calls						
Jun	107	61	24	7	2½	1½
Jul	126	86	53	31	16	7½
Aug	148	110	82	57	37	24
Sep	163	130	97	76	54	35
Dec	-	180	-	123	-	79
Puts						
Jun	3	9	26	64	112	162
Jul	18	28	47	73	115	162
Aug	34	49	69	97	131	172
Sep	46	62	82	109	139	177
Dec	-	92	-	137	-	167

Series		Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat	390	23	35	44	1½	12	17
(*409½)	420	3	18	28	14	27	32
Amstrad	30	5	7	8½	1	2½	3½
(*34½)	35	1½	4½	6½	2½	4½	6
Barclays	420	42	52	62	1	9	16
(*459½)	460	9	26	40	9	25	32
Blue Circ	240	17½	29	33½	1½	9	15½
(*255½)	260	4	17½	23½	9½	15	26
Br Gas	280	10½	21½	25½	2½	5	15
(*259)	300	1½	10½	15½	13	18½	26
	330	1	3	6	43	43	47½
Dixons	200	14	24	32	2½	14	19
(*211½)	220	3	14	22	14	25	30
Forte	200	9	21½	27	2	10	16
(*207½)	220	1	12	17½	14½	22	27
Glaxo	550	45½	71½	80	2	21	36
(*591)	600	9½	43	54	18	45	64
	650	1½	23½	35	61½	75	97
HSBC	600	28	56	76	5½	25	40
(*619½)	650	4½	30	49	35	54	66
Hillsdwn	140	9½	13	22½	2	7½	12½
(*148½)	160	1½	8½	13	14½	19	24
Lonrho	110	8½	15	20	2	9½	12½
(*115½)	120	3	10½	15½	6½	14½	15
Reuter	1350	28	56½	129	13½	61	93½
(*1364)	1400	7	60½	103	44	88	109
R-Royce	140	6½	15	19½	2½	8½	15½
(*143)	160	1	7	11	18	21	27½
Sears	90	7½	12	14	1	2½	6
(*97½)	100	1½	6	9	4	7½	11
Tarmac	130	8	16	19½	2	7½	13½
(*136)	140	3	11	15	6½	13	18½
Thrn Emi	850	24	45½	58	5½	38	46
(*867½)	900	3	21	35	36½	71	76
Tomkins	220	11	18	24½	2	10½	14½
(*229)	240	1½	8½	16	13½	22½	26
TSB	180	8½	18	20	2	10½	14
(*185)	200	1½	6½	12	16	23	26
Wellcome	750	22	59½	84	13	42½	65½
(*754)	800	4	37	59½	48	70	94
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Dec**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Dec**
Fisons	140	26	32	33	3½	9	12
(*156½)	160	12	20½	23	11½	15½	22
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
Eastern Elc	460	17	25	32	2½	30	35½
(*461)	500	3½	11½	17	55	58½	62
Series		**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**
Natl Pwr	330	21	32½	42	1	9	13½
(*352½)	360	3	16½	25	14	22	20½
Scot Pwr	310	7½	16	21	3	15	16
(*316)	330	1	6½	12	17	25	29

June 7, 1993 Tot: 25802 Calls: 16229 Puts: 9573 FT-SE Calls: 1257 Puts: 5145
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

COMMODITY REPORT: Robusta coffee futures closed just above the day's lows but dealers noted some early signs that the downward move may be running out of steam. Cocoa futures generally closed with marginal losses in very subdued conditions as both producers and manufacturers choose to remain largely sidelined.

LONDON FOX
COCOA
Jul .... 663-662 Sep 765-761
Sep .... 673-677 Dec 790-784
Dec .... 699-698 Mar 810-805
Mar .... 719-718 May 837-815
May 734-733
Jul .... 739-748 Volume: 1747

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)
Jul .... 890-888 Mar 920-915
Sep .... 902-901 May .... 930 SLR
Nov .... 912 SLR Jul .... unq
Jan .... 913 SLR Volume: 4067

RAW SUGAR (FOB)
C Czarnikow
Spot unq Dec .... unq
May .... unq Mar ....
Aug .... May ....
Oct .... Aug .... Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)
Reuters Mar 285.0-83.4
Spot 278.5 May 289.5-87.0
Aug .... 285.4-79.5 Aug 286.5-83.1
Oct .... 280.0-79.5 Oct 291.4-85.6
Dec .... 284.0-81.5 Volume 476

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on June 7

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	90.35	123.46	144.74
+/-	-0.79	-5.35	+2.21
Eng/Wales	90.21	123.93	144.56
+/-	-0.94	-5.09	+2.20
%	...	+33.1	+27.5
Scotland	92.22	121.73	146.15
+/-	+2.72	-10.55	+2.88
%	...	+7.1	-29.5

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)
Open Close Open Close
Jun .... unq unq Nov 106.0 106.0
Jul .... Volume 5

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT (close £/t)
Jun 131.50
Sep 106.75
Nov 108.75
Jan 111.60
Mar 114.20
Volume: 63

BARLEY (close £/t)
Sep 105.35
Nov 108.75
Jan 110.50
Mar 112.75
May 113.30
Volume: 0

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)
Jun 147.80
Aug 145.00
Oct 146.80
Dec 147.80
Feb 138.00
Volume: 20

POTATO
(£/t) Open Close
Nov .... unq 50.0
Apr 98.5 93.4
May .... unq 103.5
Volume: 27

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Jul 59.75-60.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): With several Opec producer's suggesting that a rollover may be the outcome of today's meeting, levels collapsed.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.90	-0.35
Brent 15 day (Jun)	17.95	-0.35
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.05	-0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	19.40	-0.40
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	19.65	-0.35

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	208 (n/c)	209 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	167 (-3)	168 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Jun	168 (-2)	169 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Jul	169 (-2)	170 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	64 (n/c)	66 (n/c)
Naphtha	180 (-1)	182 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL
Jun .... 167.50-67.75 Sep 172.75-73.00
Jul .... 168.00-68.25 Oct 175.75-76.00
Aug .... 170.00-70.25 Nov 178.00-78.25
Vol: 13319

BRENT (6.00pm)
Jul .... 18.04-18.05 Oct 18.50-18.55
Aug .... 18.22-18.24 Nov .... 18.57 BID
Sep .... 18.37 BID Vol: 25438

UNLEADED GASOLINE
Jun .... 193.50-94.00 Sep .... n/a
Jul .... 194.50-95.00 Oct .... n/a
Aug .... 199.00 SLR Vol: 186

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jun 93	1430	1425	1427
Jul 93	1320	1310	1315
Aug 93	1313	1313	1314
Oct 93	1420	1400	1404

Vol: 102 lots. Open int'st: 3227 Index 1585 -12

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

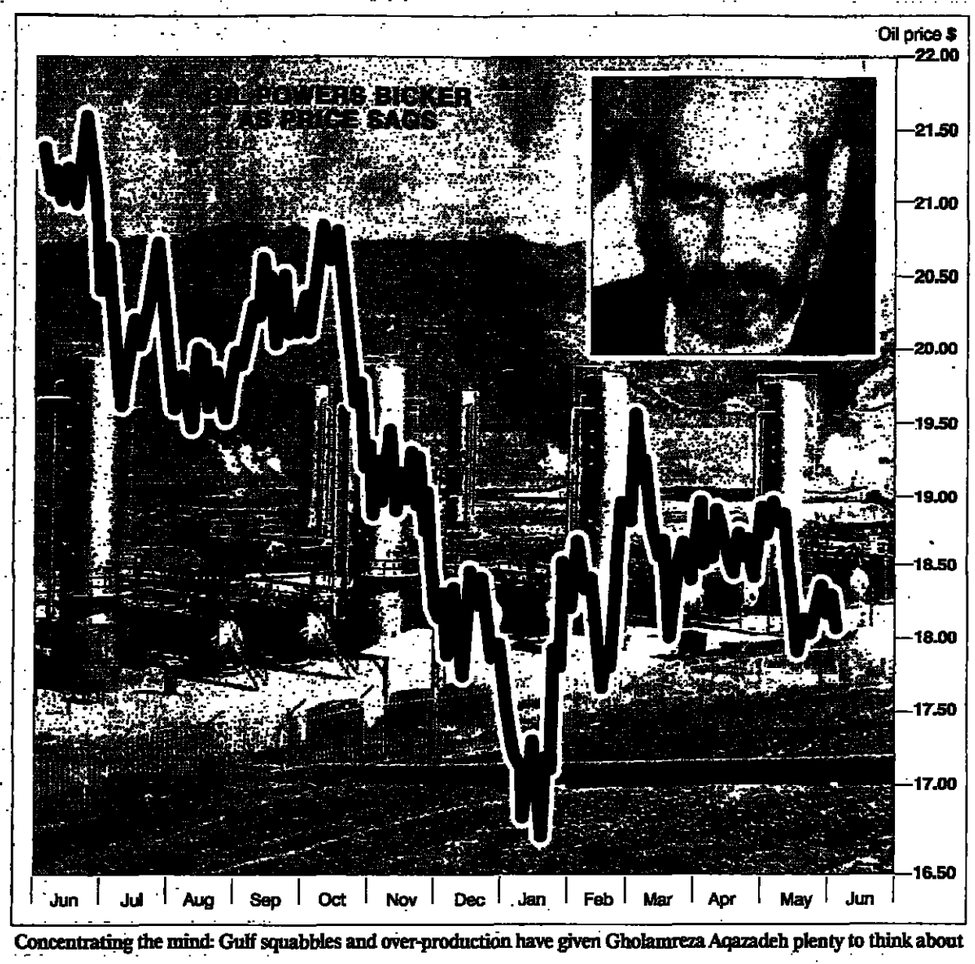
	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1201.0-1201.5	1216.5-1217.0	2693325
Lead ($/tonne)	265.50-265.75	276.00-276.50	47750
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	943.00-943.50	962.50-963.00	293200
Tin ($/tonne)	5197.0-5202.0	5255.0-5260.0	11505
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1155.0-1155.5	1178.0-1178.5	1133650
Nickel ($/tonne)	5653.0-5660.0	5720.0-5725.0	17292

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Opec oil cheats risk holding their budgets over a barrel

Hazhir Teimourian says it is unlikely that Opec members will stick to any production quotas agreed at this week's meeting in Geneva



Concentrating the mind: Gulf squabbles and over-production have given Gholamreza Aqazadeh plenty to think about

If Gholamreza Aqazadeh, the Iranian oil minister, needed a single sentence of briefing from his boss, president Hashemi Rafsanjani, before he set off for the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries conference that starts in Geneva today it would have to be this: "Just remember the budget and don't take any risks that might make my nightmare even worse."

Last year, Rafsanjani's calculation of his expected income from the sale of oil turned out to have been over-optimistic by a huge $7 billion and, as a result, his country's foreign debt soared to its present estimate of $30 billion-$35 billion. The debt is now heading for $40 billion and many countries, including Britain, have stopped their export credit guarantees. The last thing Rafsanjani now needs is a decision in Geneva to raise the Opec production ceiling for the third quarter of this year, from July to September, which might make prices even softer.

The trouble is that almost all the other 11 members of Opec have, more or less, similar tales of woe to tell, and that the smaller producers know they would earn more if they exported larger volumes , even at lower prices. Kuwait, for example, says it has had to spend $10 billion on repairing the damage inflicted on its oil industry by the Iraqi army, as well as having to compensate the Gulf war allies. It wants its Opec ceiling of 1.6 million barrels a day (mbd) raised to 2 mbd to approach its pre-war share. The Nigerians plead a critical political situation at home with their large and rapidly rising population, while even the giant of the organisation, Saudi Arabia, with its quota of 8 mbd, has not been able to balance its budget since 1982. This is a matter of honour to King Fahd, who once wept on television at the disgrace.

So, as Mr Aqazadeh will have mentally surveyed the scene during his six-hour flight to Geneva, he will have understood why some countries cheat over their quotas: he has himself been the biggest cheat of them all. Despite bloody riots by shanty-town dwellers in several big Iranian cities last year, and even though Iran's population of 60 million is nearly five times the size of Saudi Arabia's, the last Opec ministerial committee in April set the country's annual quota at only 3.34 mbd. Mr Aqazadeh has been unable to resist the temptation of filling a few extra tankers, every now and then, hoping that no one would notice.

Still, there is room for only about 0.5 mbd of cheating before a glut begins to build up on the market and prices slide badly — last month's estimated figure was 0.57 mbd. Thus Iran has been reasonably responsible with its cheating, and all the other cheaters also fear a free-for-all.

When Ali al-Baghli, the Kuwaiti oil minister, recently visited Tehran, he returned home with the impression that the Iranians were sympathetic to his country's request for an increase of at least 0.4 mbd in its quota, and that Iran might even support its longer-term aim of achieving parity with the United Arab Emirates, itself long suspected of cheating. The Kuwaitis are gathering up courage to suggest an overall raising of the ceiling for the whole of Opec by nearly 1 mbd to 24.6 mbd. With the normal over-production of about 0.5 mbd the final figure would rise above 25 mbd.

Oil analysts believe Saudi Arabia and Iran, the two largest producers, would immediately slap down such a proposal as the best recipe to start a sharp slide in prices. After Mr al-Baghli's visit to Tehran, the Iranians quickly moved to distance themselves from any commitment to his statements, saying Iran would be "very cautious" about any suggestions to raise the overall ceiling. Now they say a ceiling of even 24 mbd would be ill advised.

Instead the Iranians have mooted the idea that quotas be changed to give Kuwait, as well as Iran, bigger shares. That would keep overall production levels within reasonable bounds while producing the desired improvement in prices with the approach of autumn.

Unfortunately for the members, though, Opec's past misdeeds have come back to haunt it. The members did not stick to their quotas of last November and, as a result, Western inventories declined by only about 0.5 mbd, instead of the expected 1 mbd, during the winter. In February, over-production became so frenzied that output rose above 25 mbd, probably a ten-year high.

"The credibility of Iran as a price hawk has been somewhat dented in recent months", says Mehdi Varzi, the oil analyst with Kleinwort Benson in London. "It has been one of the most consistent over-producers itself."

But the price of oil, particularly in the Middle East, is not only dictated by budgetary considerations, but also by theological and regional rivalries. By selling more oil than its official share — while denying it — Iran hopes to intimidate Saudi Arabia into bending its alliances to Iran's desire.

For a few days at the end of last month, it appeared as if the two states, both of which claim legitimacy from their avowed, exclusive following of True Islam, had patched up their differences. The Iranian foreign minister, Ali-Akbar Velayati, gave King Fahd an apparently pleasing letter from president Rafsanjani and there was talk of a visit to Iran by the king. There was also talk of co-operation between the two countries at Geneva to limit production with the aim of increasing prices. But a few days later, hopes were dashed by the attempts of Iranian pilgrims, clearly directed by at least a faction within the Tehran regime, to hold anti-US demonstrations in Mecca, which were suppressed. Insults began to be hurled again across the Gulf and, now in Geneva, the two countries' delegates are expected to avoid eye contact.

What is likely to be announced at the end of the conference, then? Analysts believe the pressure to raise the ceiling will be irresistible, though Kuwaits' wish for a full 1 mbd will not be granted. Kuwait itself will probably be given permission to produce an additional 200,000 barrels, while the Nigerians will be allowed a nominal 50,000. The rest may be permitted a rise of about 1.5 per cent of their present quotas, taking total production, including the sneaky type, to about 24.7 mbd.

The expectation also is that demand for Opec oil will rise in the third quarter, but not to such an extent that prices would increase above $19 a barrel for the benchmark, Brent crudes.

"I don't expect an immediate recovery in prices after the conference", says Mr Varzi. "Perhaps a little later, as winter approaches. Over-producing will continue". It has been suggested by some Opec militants, such as Iraq, that the exporters slap a big increase on their prices as a pre-emptive measure to thwart the West's plan for an energy tax that would "discriminate against oil".

While even moderate pro-Western countries such as Saudi Arabia have been jolted by the idea of the tax and have sent ministers to Europe and the US to argue against it, the tax is unlikely to affect demand for Opec oil appreciably. If, and when, it comes, it is likely to be much less than the $10 per barrel some sources mentioned, and as it would be imposed on crude oil imports, its net effect on the prices of refined products would be negligible.

TEMPUS

Dividend power

POWERGEN has passed a significant milestone over the past couple of months. The smaller of the two electricity generators now employs fewer than half as many people as it did before the vesting day for privatisation three years ago. That the lights are still burning is more a reflection of the slack in the previous regime than any outstanding achievement of Ed Wallis, the chief executive, and his team.

The profit advances of the post-privatisation years are a function of the cost savings from a slimmed-down workforce rather than a rise in demand, as yesterday's final figures from PowerGen, which show some erosion of market share, make clear. There is a limit on further such advances. Most savings from the coal agreement forged with such difficulty this spring will have to be passed straight through to the regional distributors. Generators as well as distributors are now under the watchful eye of the regulator, although significant tightening of the screw must surely wait until several years beyond the sale of the government's outstanding 40 per cent stake.

Sentiment will be helped by PowerGen's decision to move forward the dividend and reduce cover from 3.6 to about 2.6 times, where the yield, on today's share price, would be in excess of 5 per cent. But any escape from the straitjacket of regulatory intervention and a static core market must come from overseas expansion, which has proved more difficult than originally hoped.

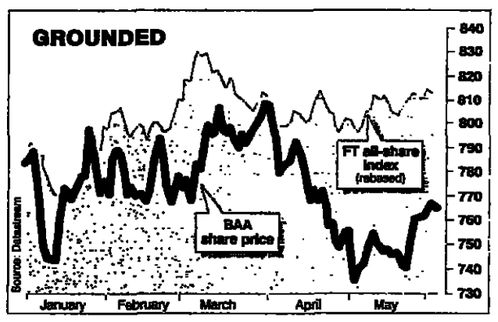
Nearer at hand, a 15 to 18 per cent rise in dividends over the next three years, to get to the new target level of cover, should be enough to keep the market happy.

BAA

BAA is a curious animal: it suffers from the disadvantage of being a regulated monopoly while enjoying the advantage of being an unregulated monopoly. The CAA's pricing formula will constrain growth from airport charges, but the company is doing well in exploiting the revenue-generating potential of owning a giant shopping mall at the main entry and exit point to Britain.

So far, the CAA has not imposed a RPI-linked formula to BAA's rental income. As the only landlord at Heathrow, the company has been able to increase its property income at a time when rents elsewhere are falling. Changes in the traffic distribution rules have been an unexpected bonus for the company, with airlines scrambling for space at crowded Heathrow, driving rents sky-high at prime locations.

Keeping the regulator at bay may become harder as the company approaches 1997, when traffic figures are forecast to come up against capacity constraints and the hoped-for Terminal 5 is still four years away. BAA shares have underperformed since the beginning of the year as the market fashuon moved in favour of recovery plays. As a privatised utility with price controls and solid but unspectacular earnings growth, BAA ought, some still argue, to be primarily a dividend stock. The prospective dividend yield of 2.7 per cent is demanding something more exciting.



Emap

MAX POWER, the title of a recent motor magazine launched by Emap, could equally apply to the group's financial record.

The common belief is that Emap's growth has been fuelled almost entirely by acquisitions. Although the group has bought many titles — it spent £56 million on acquisitions in 1991-2 alone — it has also enjoyed strong organic growth from launching new ones.

Emap is set to step up its launch activity dramatically this year with plans to spend more than £5 million on new titles — an increase of more than 25 per cent. A successful launch can generate superior returns to an acquisition. The women's magazine *More* cost Emap £3 million to launch three years ago, whereas it would probably have cost £6 million to acquire and taken more than five years to recoup its original investment. The difficult part is getting the launch right. Launches may be high reward, but they are also high risk. However, Emap has established an impressive track record in this area, having created successful new titles from scratch such as *Smash Hits* and *Q*.

As launch costs are usually charged against profit in the first year, this may restrain profit growth slightly in the short term, particularly in the consumer magazine division which, to date, has been the engine for Emap's growth. But the long-term benefits could be substantial.

However, on a prospective p/e of 19 times, much of this optimism is already in the share price.

Henderson

THE latest results from Henderson Administration not only justify its £42.5 million takeover of Touche Remnant last year, but also show how much the group needed to make an acquisition.

Operating profit on the continuing business fell by 16 per cent on slightly lower turnover, as the legacy of poor investment performance prompted further client departures. The admission of more client losses to come does not bode well for any dramatic improvement in profits this year.

If shareholders had any lingering doubts about the Touche Remnant acquisition these facts alone must have dispelled them. But there were other reasons to reassure shareholders as well. Touche Remnant made a £1.5 million contribution in the last three months of the year. With further cost savings to come from the merger of the two businesses, the new acquisition is on course to make more than £6 million on an annual basis.

This is a substantially greater return than Henderson could have made at current interest rates.

Jeyes

SHAREHOLDERS in Jeyes Group are used to seeing its share price rise inexorably. Yesterday they could only watch helplessly as the shares plummeted 28 per cent after a profits warning.

Jimmy Moir, chief executive, claims the costs of unexpected redundancies and higher marketing expenditure have taken their toll, but he remains defiantly optimistic about the future.

Until the fruits of that expenditure, in particular its impact on market share, become clear, the shares are likely to remain at their current lower level.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

The 'Prof' in the print

PROFESSOR Sir Roland Smith, football-loving former chairman of British Aerospace, is today expected to emerge as non-executive chairman of Harrington Kilbride, the specialist publishing group. "The Prof", who was the king of the non-execs before his unhappy venture at BAe, is expected to be confirmed in the post at Harrington's annual meeting at the Savoy in London, although the company remained tight-lipped yesterday. The search for a new head was launched in the New Year after the death, on Christmas Day, of Ted Croker, the former chairman. Harrington, run by millionaire Kevin Harrington, made its stock market debut in December 1991 and has since diversified into overseas controlled-circulation magazines targeted at groups such as design engineers. International publishing now contributes more than half of total turnover.

Catastrophe

A PLAGUE of mice may be about to descend on the cavernous Broadgate complex, after the timely escape of two cats who had the task of keeping the mice in check. Janet Hart, who works for NatWest Markets, found a new home for the two mousers who had been patrolling the building for months. Her daughter Jayne and son-in-law Stuart spent ten days and nights trying to lure the timid beasts using tins of pilchards and other ploys. "They even slept there at night," says Hart, who is pleased to report that the exercise proved successful. The cats, since named Smudge and Watkins, are now residing in a cat-friendly household in Chingford, Essex, with five other moggies — Tosca, Biscuit, Titch, Whiskers and Tikka, whose former home was an Indian restaurant. The Broadgate pair have not been entirely appreciative. "When they arrived, they ran straight up the chimney," says Hart.

Flash Harry

PRESIDENT Clinton is not alone in paying more than $200 to have his locks clipped to perfection, even if his choice of settings is hard to beat. A straw poll in an American newspaper reveals that US business executives spend outrageous amounts on haircuts. Harold Evans, former editor of *The Times* and president of Random House, the publishing group, is in the $272-a-clip class, along with Ronald Perelman, chairman of Revlon and Ted Forstmann of Forstmann Little, the buyout specialist. But the cream of the crop goes to financially troubled businessman Meshulam Riklis, husband of actress Pia Zadora, who is said to spend $500 every two or three weeks for a haircut, scalp massage and manicure in Beverly Hills. This $10,000 annual bill is understood to be without the standard 15 per cent tip.


Sir Roland: aboard?

Owning goals

BURMAH Castrol, the oil and chemical products group, is ... er ... punching the air on securing a new sponsorship deal with Swindon Town FC — before the club was recently promoted to the Premier League, thereby saving a few bob. The initial three-year £500,000 deal expired at the end of the 1993-4 season. Deciding Glenn Hoddle's former team would, in football-speak, "do the business", Burmah signed up for another three years two months ago. "We are paying a little bit more but not substantially more," says a Burmah spokesman, adding that rumours of a £750,000 deal are too high.

Meeting point

THE familiar ring of "he's in a meeting" is usually considered a blatant lie, an incisive survey of telephone habits reveals. Personnel managers are most likely to be taken in by such ruses, it seems. A study by Accountemps, a financial recruitment consultant, found managers waste an average of 16 minutes a day being put "on hold", only to be told in three quarters of all cases their target is in a meeting. Other reasons for someone being unable to come to the telephone include being stuck in a lift, doing something under the filing cabinet, dead for two years, in labour, or in casualty with a broken foot.

'Not me, Guv'

MICHAEL Milken, king of Wall Street's junk bond market before he was convicted of criminal securities fraud, has assured American television viewers that he "never made a penny dishonestly". In his first public statement since serving 22 months of a ten-year prison sentence, Milken told interviewer Barbara Walters that his crimes were largely technical. He said he did not know convicted insider dealer Ivan Boesky all that well: "I was not involved in insider trading with Mr Boesky." Milken is thought still to control a family fortune of $500 million after paying $1 billion in fines and other penalties. In prison, Milken's tasks included window washing, toilet cleaning and taking out the rubbish. He no longer wears his toupee and is suffering inoperable prostate cancer although responding positively to treatment. He is about to begin serving 1,800 hours of community service teaching maths to under-privileged children in Los Angeles and to start a pilot anti-drugs project.

JON ASHWORTH

BUSINESS LETTERS

Put golden handshakes to the vote

From Mr Ralph Instone

Sir, The Cohen Committee on Company Law, reporting as long ago as 1945, recommended (Cmnd 6649 para. 92) that compensation paid to directors for loss of office should require the prior sanction of a shareholders' resolution.

This recommendation was watered down in all later legislation by exempting from its scope not merely damages for breach of contract, but pensions, superannuation gratuities and similar payments.

The result is that such payments are hardly ever submitted to shareholders for their approval, but are merely shown in accounts after they have been paid. It is a safe assumption that, if such approval were required, the generosity of boards would be moderated.

It is high time that the law should be brought into line with the Cohen Committee's recommendation of nearly half a century ago.

Yours faithfully,
RALPH INSTONE,
7 New Square,
Lincoln's Inn,
WC2.

Electronic cash till errors play a part in boosting profits of supermarket groups

From Mr William D. Sholto

Sir, At a time of severe recession, everyone was congratulating the food retailers Sainsbury on the excellent results achieved in the past year, and in particular the growth in profits. No one can deny the performance reported, but I do tend to be slightly sceptical about the way it was achieved, based on my personal experience. I have no Sainsbury shares, but I do shop in the local branches of the supermarket chain.

Over the last couple of months, I have found that the bill printed by the cash register at the check-out has been incorrect in about three of the 11 shopping visits to Sainsburys. Furthermore, on each occasion the cash register was in effect over-charging me. To be fair, I did return on each occasion and point out the mistake to the store manager (or manageress) and was given on each occasion a prompt refund. But I wonder how many customers did not even bother to go back and demand rectification of the error?

In one type of cash register error, goods that have been reduced are recorded by their bar-code at the earlier price on the bill. In another, items that have been reduced produced two sums of money on the printed bill — one at the original price and another at the later (and lower) price.

Perhaps mistakes such as these — presumably not intentional — may have played some part in yielding record profits. Like all computer errors, it must be hard to adjust the programmes so as to obviate mistakes of this nature and while shareholders may be smiling, customers are well advised to slip a calculator into their pocket before going out shopping.

Yours faithfully,
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Overseas pensioners seek equal treatment

From Mr Benson Zonena

Sir, I am in Britain at present to advance our cause for the indexation of our frozen pensions in Canada and elsewhere, arriving at a time when a climate of fear has been generated over possible wide cuts to come in the social services, including state pensions.

Some 57 per cent of expatriate pensioners are illogically and cruelly differentiated from the index-linked remaining 43 per cent of their overseas compatriots and, after years of government obfuscation and deceitfulness in justifying this discrimination, the deprived pensioners are hopping mad and gripped by an indissoluble conviction that they have been robbed.

All of us have paid into the National Insurance Fund and served our country in time of war equally.

The government says that it cannot afford the £275 million it would cost to unfreeze all the frozen pensioners; but that sum represents a mere 1.02 per cent of this year's pension bill of £26.8 billion.

Further, the amount by which that has increased over last year's bill is £1.3 billion, four times the £275 million, and next year's increase is likely to be at least as much again!

Mystifyingly, the government did not declare that it could not afford this year's uprating and would not pay it, as they have declared to us. But then we only represent 350,000 votes, not 9½ million.

Yours faithfully,
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18	Broken Hill	Industrial	
19	Rentokil	Business Serv	
20	Black (A&C)	Newspapr,Pub	
21	Burnfield	Electrical	
22	Cowie (T)	Motors,Air	
23	Fine Art Dev	Drapery,Strs	
24	Tex Hldgs	Industrial	
25	Grand Met	Breweries	
26	Elandsrand	Mining	
27	Vinten	Industrial	
28	Trinity Hldgs	Motors,Air	
29	Takeda Chem	Industrial	
30	BAT	Tobaccos	
31	Ramco Oil	Industrial	
32	Assoc Br Ports	Transport	
33	Chesterfield	Property	
34	Wassall	Industrial	
35	Charter Cons	Industrial	
36	McAlpine (A)	Building,Rds	
37	Hewitt (J)	Industrial	
38	Liberty Life	Insurance	
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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
418	345	Abbey Nt	409½	+6½	11.5	3.5	15.8
256	179	Allied Irish	255	+1	...	4.4	13.1
176	130	Aus New Z	166	+3	...	5.4	...
3806½	2797½	Bankamerica	2831¼	...	...	...	...
250	188	Bk of Ireland	242	+1	...	5.6	∞
325	251	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	6.5	...
147½	116½	Bank Scotland	141	+3½	4.5	4.1	28.1
470	362	Barclays	459	+2	13.1	4.1	∞
3¼	2	Benchmark	2¼	...	...	...	...
52	31	Brown Shipley	35	...	...	...	...
19½	15	Carlisle	16½	...	...	...	...
498	395	Cater Allen	497	...	26.0	6.5	...
126	85	Castles	126	...	...	4.2	16.8
2450	1787	Chase Manh	1962½	-3¼	...	...	...
2043½	1343½	Citicorp	1825	...	...	...	...
370	250	Close Bros	366	...	...	3.3	16.4
£125¾	9275	Commerzbk	£116¼	+87¼	...	3.4	...
£304½	£250¼	Deutsche Bk	£279	+396¼	...	2.3	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	73	...	...	...	...
1439	876	Fuji Bank Y	1439	+15	...	0.3	∞
465	343	Gerrard Nat	422	-½	21.5	6.4	11.2
654	490	HSBC	620	...	19.0	3.8	14.8
634	474	HSBC HK	611	+3	19.0	3.9	14.6
356	245	Hambros	340	-1	13.8	5.1	15.1
363	313	Joseph (L)	358	...	15.8	5.5	...
155	96	King Shaxson	134	...	9.0	8.4	...
420	312	Kleinwort Ben	413	-1	16.0	4.8	14.3
573	462	Lloyds	550	+1	18.4	4.2	15.7
87	63	Lon Scot Bk	83	...	3.0	4.5	16.5
451½	322	Nat Aust Bk	429	+9	...	4.8	14.6
489	398	Nat West	464	-1	17.5	4.7	28.2
362	290	Provident	349	...	11.4	4.1	15.1
47	39	Rea Bros	42	...	0.5	1.5	44.6
290	207	Ryl Bk Scot	289	+2	8.8	3.8	...
987½	487½	Schroders	950	...	...	1.4	18.9
758	576	Stand Chart	741	-4	20.0	3.4	...
195	145½	TSB	185	+1	6.4	4.3	...
160	78	Union Disc	137	+1	...	...	...
741	529	Warburg SG	720	-1½	...	3.3	18.2
250	185	-do- 6% 'A'	248	...	...	3.0	...
7850	4843	Wells Fargo	6650	-237½	...	1.6	...
170	121	Westpac	168	-2	...	4.6	...
215	188	Winnrust	208	...	9.3	5.6	8.0

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	533	+13	...	4.7	18.1
647	444	Bass	462	-16	18.9	5.1	10.1
273	189	Boddington	263	+3	7.3	3.5	15.3
415	362	Bulmer (HP)	384	...	9.0	2.9	17.7
159	129	Burtonwd Brw	143	-1	4.4	3.9	10.4
307	261	Devenish (JA)	280	...	7.8	3.5	15.8
98	75	Eldridge P 'A'	92	...	...	4.4	24.3
68½	50½	Fosters Brewing	53	+½	...	5.1	7.3
390	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	391	...	...	2.2	16.4
480	380	Grand Met	405	+4	12.3	3.8	13.2
427	390	Greenalls Grp	384	+1	11.7	3.8	12.7
563	505	Greene King	544	-1	11.6	2.7	14.2
516	440	Guinness	474	+6	...	3.1	16.9
281	230	Hardy Hansn	240	...	7.9	4.1	13.3
125	105	Heavitree	105	...	3.0	3.6	25.2
95	78	-do- 'A' LV	82	...	3.0	4.6	19.6
299	255	Highland Dstl	294	+5	6.0	2.6	19.5
3125	2538	Holt J	2960	...	41.0	1.7	19.3
58	33	Hoskins Brew	56	...	...	...	40.3
323	250	Invergordn Dist	277	...	7.0	3.2	∞
186	157	Macallan-Glen	169	...	0.9	0.7	37.9
465	375	Marstn Marstn 'A'	378	-3½	8.9	2.9	∞
780	655	Mansfield	780	+5	13.6	2.2	16.8
256	231	Merrydn Thmp	231	...	4.9	2.7	13.5
435	405	Matthew Clark	405	...	15.7	4.9	12.1
300	253	Mrrydwn W	260	...	...	3.0	18.8
518	455	Morland	518	+3	8.4	2.0	20.6
12	6½	Paramount	9	...	...	2.1	16.0
950	753	SA Breweries	850	+5	...	3.2	∞
482½	408	Scot & New	447	+7	16.1	4.5	12.2
223	181	Taunton Cider	211	+1	...	2.8	19.7
248	213	Vaux Group	223	+4	9.3	5.2	15.4
301	225	Wetherspoon JD	291	...	...	2.1	23.5
507	435	Whitbread 'A'	474	+5	...	4.7	11.9
1180	850	-do- 'B'	930	+13	...	2.4	23.3
613	498	Wolvrhmpn D	508	...	11.4	2.8	14.3
515	475	Young 'A'	480	...	14.5	3.8	∞

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	113	-2	...	1.2	40.3
27	13	Albrighton	20	...	...	...	...
106	87	Allen	106	+6	...	5.9	10.8
99	66	Amec	91	-1	3.0	4.1	16.8
9¼	4	Anglia Sec	7	...	...	...	...
214	155	Ashtead	212	...	4.1	2.4	26.3
142	108	Attwoods	120	...	5.9	5.3	17.1
240	180	BPB Ind	235	-2	...	4.0	59.7
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	84	...	3.1	4.7	28.0
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	27	...	0.5	...	...
105	74	Ballast	100	-½	1.2	1.6	18.1
147	94	Barratt Dev	140	+2	2.0	1.8	15.6
412	305	Bellway	399	+1	...	3.8	23.1
32	15	Belwinch	26	...	...	...	...
423	295½	Berkeley Gp	395	...	...	1.9	25.1
83	45	Best Bros	83	+½	...	0.8	3.4
63	36	Blockleys	60	...	1.0	2.1	60.3
265	189	Blue Circle	256	+8	...	...	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	283	+1	5.9	2.6	15.3
106	78	Breedon PLC	94	...	4.6	6.1	22.7
121	92	Br Dredging	114	...	5.2	5.7	25.3
75	45	Brit Fittings	74	+3	1.5	2.5	...
151	94	Bryant	136	+1½	4.8	4.4	29.1
81	53	CALA	80	...	2.3	...	...
284	205	CRH	284	+4	...	3.3	18.0
43	22	Cakebread Rby	34	...	...	...	...
39	23	Costain	38	+1	...	...	...
137½	86½	Countryside	128	...	...	4.1	33.4
70	38	Crest Nicholson	66	-1	0.0	...	...
94	28	Cussins	86	...	...	...	...
3¼	1¼	Dunton	1½	...	...	...	...
25	16½	Edmond Hldgs	20	...	0.5	3.1	...
248	178	Epwin	247	...	6.8	3.4	20.9
51	32	Erith	49	...	0.3	0.9	...
350	252	Eve Group	350	...	...	3.5	12.7
59	34	Evered Bardon	58	...	2.0	4.3	22.2
6¼	4½	Explaura	4¾	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Grp	132	...	...	4.7	21.0
50	38	Galliford	42	...	4.3	...	18.9
78	60	Gibbs & Dandy	63	...	...	...	...
868	695	Gleeson (MJ)	865	...	12.7	1.8	14.0
122½	90	Hewden-Stuart	116½	...	...	3.5	26.5
51	28	Hewetson	49	...	2.6	...	48.9
281	186	Heywd Wim	280	...	12.5	5.6	...
90	37	Higgs & Hill	90	+1	2.5	3.5	...
35	27	How Gp	28	...	1.5	6.7	...
19	15	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
70	39	Ibstock Johnsn	66	...	1.0	1.9	...
18½	12½	Jarvis	15	...	...	...	...
278	206	Laing (J)	250	+1	9.0	4.4	10.2
83	55	La Cyclestide	68	...	4.5	8.3	25.6
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	20	...	...	...	9.1
313	240	Manders	313	+1	9.0	3.6	19.2
143	93	Marley	133	+1	4.2	3.9	30.0
90	61	Marshalls	88	...	...	7.1	20.4
162	122	Maunders (J)	162	...	4.9	3.8	14.8
209	96	McAlpine (A)	209	+5	6.5	3.9	36.2
40	23	McCarthy & S	36	...	0.5	...	...
388	272	Meyer Int	382	...	...	3.3	41.0
4	4	Miskin Gp	4	...	...	...	...
129	62	Mowlem (J)	120	...	4.0	4.2	...
78	51	NSM	55	...	...	...	...
53	48	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
160	106	Newman Tnks	144	...	...	6.9	19.2
300	197	Persimmon	273	-1	8.6	3.9	27.9
31	20	Phoenix Timber	25	-2	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	29.0	2.4	9.3
146	82	Prowting	133	...	3.4	3.2	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	628	-20	...	...	∞
228	196	Adams & Harvey	213	...	11.0	6.5	3.3
92	56	Air London	65	+2	...	6.7	8.0
54	37	African Lakes	54	...	2.0	4.6	...
178	125	Auto Sec	169	...	...	3.9	30.3
116	84	BET Ord	111	-4	...	7.3	16.3
93	41	BNB Res	91	...	4.9	6.7	...
316	258	BPP	290	...	8.0	3.4	16.0
285	235	Barbour Index	243	-3	7.2	3.7	18.0
22	15	Bousted	19	...	0.7	4.6	...
241	184	Brit Data Mg	241	...	...	2.1	20.1
21	11	Broadcastle	21	...	...	...	16.7
73	54	Brooks Service	71	...	...	...	...
104	86	CRT Gp	90	...	2.4	3.3	10.3
175	139½	Capita Group	175	...	...	1.3	27.3
42½	31	Caster Plc	42	+½	0.8	2.4	∞
55	40	Chiltern Capital	49½	...	...	...	...
51	26	Chrisde	40	...	...	...	...
300	228	Chubb Sec	300	+6	...	1.2	33.1
50	18	Cornac	41	+3	...	4.6	10.2
23	6½	Corp Services	21½	...	...	...	...
93	50	Dart	88	...	3.3	4.7	10.0
231	198	Davis Service	220	...	...	4.5	16.6
104	85	EW Facts	92	...	4.3	5.9	10.5
28	11	Gardiner	24	...	0.6	3.5	16.6
44	20	Gardner (DC)	43	+7	...	...	...
246	215	Hays	216	...	4.6	2.7	21.3
220	174	Hogg Robinsn	204	...	6.3	3.9	15.3
70	48	Holmes Protectn	48	...	...	...	3.1
189	122	Hunt Whamp	179	+4	...	2.6	∞
£125¾	9650	ISS B DKr	£125⅝	...	...	0.9	17.3
637	532	Inchcape	585	+4	...	2.9	20.3
863	669	Johnson Clean	828	...	25.7	3.9	∞
12	2½	Lep	10½	-½	...	...	...
344	173	Mitie Gp	220	...	2.7	1.6	18.1
1187	893	Manpower	1007	...	...	...	...
48	40½	Michael Page	48	...	1.8	4.7	20.4
279	217	Pennant	249	+2	...	1.0	63.1
4¼	2	Prime People	3	-¼	...	...	...
142	82½	Proudfoot Alex	85	...	12.0	17.6	∞
423	373	RCO	375	...	12.8	4.6	12.0
118	105	REA	105	...	4.0	4.8	...
100	43	Reed Executive	100	+1	...	...	...
156	115	Reliance Secs	132	...	...	4.3	13.3
238	179	Rentokil	184	+3	2.1	1.6	22.9
278	240	Rolfe & Nolan	265	...	7.2	3.5	∞
399	343	Salvesen (C)	354	-1½	7.0	2.5	19.6
35	29	Scott Pickford	29	...	...	3.4	8.0
305	164	Securiguard	304	+2	9.4	3.9	16.1
6¼	5	Select Appt	6	...	...	...	...
988	695	Serco Gp	963	...	14.0	1.8	26.6
352	247	Sherwd Cmptr	247	...	...	3.5	∞
130	90	Sketchley	90	...	3.0	4.2	∞
355	310	Warner Howrd	321	...	6.5	2.5	16.8
45	27	Welpac	30	...	0.6	2.5	...
26	14	Wills Gp	22	...	...	0.6	30.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	220	+5	3.9	2.2	17.5
759	613	Amersham	723	+4	12.5	2.2	26.8
7	3½	Anglo Utd	3½	...	0.8	...	...
£101¼	8325	BASF DM	9512½	+137½	...	7.3	...
259	199	BTP	247	-2	...	4.7	20.1
£119	£101½	Bayer DM50	£108½	+171¼	...	5.2	...
178	134	Blagden	170	...	9.5	7.0	18.3
165	93	Brent Chems	97	...	...	0.5	8.9
530	395	Br Bio-Tech	403	+3	...	...	...
29	15	Caird Gp	15	-2½	1.3	11.1	∞
153	126	Canning (W)	144	-2	7.2	6.3	16.5
608	504	Courtaulds	534	+8½	...	3.3	14.2
281	228	Croda	276	+3	...	3.5	18.0
149	121	Doeflex	140	...	4.6	4.1	10.7
208	175	Ellis & Everard	206	...	7.0	4.3	18.8
31	19½	Euro Colour	29	...	0.8	3.4	17.8
291	259	Halstead (J)	289	+1	...	2.6	14.5
241	194	Hickson	220	...	...	4.2	22.2
£114¼	8850	Hoechst	£100¼	+162½	...	3.8	...
234	195	Holliday Chem	234	+1	...	2.1	20.6
699	608	ICI	697	+8	...	4.9	...
668	581	Laporte	623	+7	19.5	3.9	17.2
223	181	Leigh	205	+4	7.8	4.9	∞
19¼	7	MTM	14½	+2	...	...	...
1750	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1700	-34½	...	1.7	24.1
450	370	Paterson Zoch	448	...	11.4	3.2	19.3
400	360	-do- 'A'	398	...	11.4	3.6	17.2
296	238	Plysu	239	...	7.0	3.7	∞
215	173	Porvair	215	...	3.6	2.1	23.0
13	7½	Sutcliffe Speak	11½	+1	...	...	...
475	425	Wardle Storeys	434	...	16.0	4.6	17.4
490	395	Wlmhbst R	453	-2	17.0	4.7	15.5
401	368	Yorks Chem	390	...	...	2.5	20.9
306	240	Yule Catto	295	...	5.9	2.5	18.0
637	617½	Zeneca	617½	-3½	...	5.6	36.5

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	63	Alexon	88	...	3.0	4.3	...
87	42	Amber Day	74	...	3.1	5.2	20.3
319	257	Argos Plc	306	...	...	2.9	26.0
116	69	Ashley (Laura)	113	-1	0.1	0.1	...
305	278	Asprey	285	...	...	2.1	23.1
255	188	Austin Reed	255	+7	5.0	2.5	∞
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	148	...	6.0	5.1	∞
121	97	Bernalls	105	-3	1.9	2.3	...
276	208	Betterware	248	-½	2.0	1.0	∞
35	22	Blacks Leis	34	...	3.3	...	7.0
227	133	Body Shop	193	-3	1.7	1.1	∞
16	12	Brown & Jackson	15	...	...	0.7	∞
401	318	Brown (N)	373	...	7.0	2.3	∞
87½	64½	Burton	80½	-1	...	3.1	...
145	126	Cantors	143	...	...	2.3	19.0
355	295	Church	353	...	12.5	4.4	31.4
183	97	Clinton Cards	145	...	4.2	3.7	17.5
247	212	Coats Viyella	230	+2	...	3.9	35.8
106	78	Colourvision	96	-1	...	...	16.2
504	374	Courts Furnish	504	...	5.0	1.2	25.3
155	115	Crown Eyes	137	...	...	5.5	6.4
110	89	Dairy Farm Intl	110	-4	...	3.1	17.5
70½	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	69½	...	1.0	1.8	22.3
281	194½	Dixons Grp	212	+2	6.0	3.5	34.9
405	320	Dunhill	334	-1	8.1	3.1	∞
21	12½	ERA Gp	15	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	460	...	16.0	4.5	15.4
115	71	Essex Furn	101	...	...	3.4	17.1
249	203	Etam	240	+1	6.9	3.6	22.0
562	499	Fine Art Dev	549	+8	12.7	2.9	∞
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
500	498	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
79½	24	French Conn	79	+7	...	...	...
48	21	Gabicci	46	...	2.0	...	9.2
65	43	Gent SR	49	...	2.0	5.1	14.4
47	23	Goldsmiths Gp	46	...	0.3	0.8	...
2925	2400	GUS	2913	...	40.0	1.7	23.2
1728	1563	-do- 'A'	1630	+2	40.0	3.1	13.0
40	34	Hampden Grp	34	...	...	3.7	16.9
27	30	Hartstone	45	+5½	4.8	13.5	2.8
25½	20	Helene Plc	23	...	2.0	10.9	10.9
60	29	Heritage	55	...	...	...	...
63	35	Honeysuckle	53	...	...	2.2	8.2
93	63	Jacques Vert	85	+9	2.0	...	...
610	496	Kingfisher	594	+8	...	2.9	19.5
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	66	...	4.0	7.6	11.6
685	495	Liberty	640	...	7.2	1.4	75.4
320	265	Lloyds Chem	300	-2	5.5	3.3	11.8
152	120	MFI	136	+1	...	3.4	18.1
365	311	Marks Spencer	341	+4	...	3.0	18.9
505	445	Menzies (John)	494	-3	10.0	2.5	16.4
192	135	Moss Bros	182	+4	5.5	3.8	∞
178½	139½	Next	165	...	2.5	1.9	∞
40	15	Oliver (G)	39	...	...	...	...
250	197	Oriflame Intl	226	+11	...	5.5	∞
63	45	Pentos	53	...	1.5	3.5	11.0
313	255	QS Hldgs	294	...	5.1	2.3	20.2
41½	11	Ratners Group	34	+½	2.4	8.8	...
35	20½	Rhino Grp	31	+½	...	...	...
139	120	Rosebys	139	...	...	3.9	16.7
174	137	Sherwood Gp	169	...	...	1.9	15.2
103	93	Sears	97½	-½	3.5	4.5	∞
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	437	+6	13.4	3.8	15.4
15	4½	Specialeyes	12	+1	...	...	...
219	176	Storehouse	206	+2	...	3.1	26.3
191	148	T & S Stores	164	...	5.9	4.5	12.2
133	71	Tie Rack	129	...	...	1.0	21.0
220	160	Time Products	214	+2	7.5	4.5	∞
100	63	Usher (Frank)	93	+1	...	6.7	7.3
45	27	Vivat	35	...	1.0	3.6	10.8
40	35	Wetsuma	36	...	...	6.3	...
120	78	Wickes	116	...	...	...	51.5
71	45	Wrd of Leather	71	...	...	...	...
198	146	Wyevale	182	...	...	2.7	∞
4	2½	Xtra-vision	3½	...	...	...	∞

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	147	ACT Group	147	-2	4.5	3.8	14.5
240	223	Acale	238	...	...	3.4	∞
162½	81	Acorn Comptr	105	+9	...	...	53.2
460	385	Admiral	439	...	5.4	1.5	18.6
131	104	Alba	129	...	4.7	4.6	16.8
49	19½	Alphameric	48	+4	...	...	...
38½	22	Amstrad	34½	...	0.4	...	...
123	73	App Holne	80	...	...	...	...
21	13	Arlen	20	...	...	...	...
59	35½	Astec	59	...	...	...	0.9
290	250	Beales Hunter	275	...	9.2	4.2	14.5
9	5½	Bennett & Fount	5½	...	...	...	...
402½	319	BICC	386	-2	10.2	6.2	26.2
575	455	Blick	484	...	9.2	2.4	18.8
1700	1150	Borland	1588	...	...	...	...
346	274	Bowthorpe	316	...	6.3	2.5	...
449½	376	BT	407	...	...	4.9	20.1
10½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	10½	...	0.1	1.2	...
151	110	Burnfield	145	-3	5.7	5.0	22.9
766	669	Cable Wireless	728	-3	13.2	2.3	22.5
19¼	11½	Chloride	19½	+1½	...	...	...
251	229	CML Micro	251	...	...	2.4	16.5
115	76	Comptr People	115	...	0.6	0.7	...
167	109½	Cray Elect	155	...	...	0.4	12.7
344	243	Critchley	344	+6	...	2.2	∞
119	86	Dale	98	+1	5.1	6.5	9.5
548	414	Delta	529	...	...	3.3	21.8
298	205	Denmans Ele	287	...	...	2.6	12.7
620	460	Domino	485	...	7.2	1.9	18.5
65	48	Dowding Mills	57	...	2.5	5.5	18.5
1040	865	Drucke	1038	...	...	1.1	25.3
411	358	Electrocomponts	386	+2	7.0	2.3	20.9
573	470	El Data Fit	555	...	5.1	1.1	15.2
86	43	Electron House	83	+3	2.3	3.5	25.3
30½	10½	Emess	26	...	0.1	0.5	...
588	442	Eurotherm	588	+2	8.0	1.7	26.8
136	108	FKI	126	+4½	2.3	2.1	28.1
391	340	Farnell Elect	384	+2	6.2	2.0	∞
51	33	Feedback	48	...	...	...	...
18	9½	Ferranti	14½	-½	...	...	...
203	101	First Tech	203	+7	...	...	...
236	81	Forward Gp	223	+1	...	1.8	∞
21	16	Forward Tech	16	...	...	...	...
339½	264	GEC	321	...	9.6	3.7	17.0
182	132	Gooseh	167	+10	10.9	8.2	∞
11½	8	Grayrone	8	...	...	...	...
39	30	Hikture	39	...	...	1.6	12.7
150	83	INSTEM	148	+3	...	2.6	10.6
388	320	Jones Stroud	378	...	8.0	2.6	14.5
14	8	Kembrey	13½	...	0.3	3.5	3.2
321	260	Kenwood App	309	+1	...	3.0	16.4
181	47	Kewill Syst	161	-2	...	...	8.1
236	100	Kode	206	...	5.5	3.3	24.4
60	16	Laser-Scan	46	...	...	...	...
365	122	LDMS	310	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	389	East Midlands	446	-1	17.1	4.8	8.6
496	399	Eastern Elect	461	...	16.7	4.5	11.4
356	304	Hydro-Elect	336	+7	10.1	3.8	12.0
500½	404	London Elect	455	+1	16.9	4.6	8.8
549	458	Manweb	517	+5	18.2	4.4	7.5
514	424½	Midlands Elec	464	+2½	17.2	4.6	9.7
549	440	Northern Elec	507	+4	18.5	4.6	7.5
544	439	Norweb	503	+6	17.7	4.4	9.5
337	285	Scottish Power	317	+5	...	4.3	11.5
529	436	Seeboard	500	+3	17.2	4.3	9.0
571	469	Sth Wales	545	+3	19.4	4.4	8.6
532	426	Sth Western	471	...	17.4	4.6	8.5
496	406	Southern Elec	465	...	16.6	4.5	9.2
552	455	Yorkshire Elec	505	-1	17.7	4.4	9.4
355	273	National Powr	353	+10	...	3.8	10.7
368	275	PowerGen	368	+12½	...	3.6	10.1

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	51	Aitken Hume	51	...	0.5	...	32.6
85	47	BWD	84	...	...	4.8	13.1
90	26	Baltic Plc	85	...	...	1.5	...
453	415	Caledonia	419	+1	14.4	4.3	16.1
1500	1075	Camellia	1375	...	27.0	2.5	11.6
265	243	Candover	264	...	10.2	4.9	18.7
100	71	Flextech	94	+1½	...	0.7	∞
303	155	Goveti	281	...	...	5.4	8.8
150	125	Ivory Sime	150	...	...	5.3	15.7
6½	3	LIT	3½	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12	...	...	...	0.6
203	154	Lon Forfaiting	200	...	...	8.4	5.4
58	47	Manakin	58	+1	...	...	...
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	9½	-½	...	...	...
49	40	Newmarket	49	...	...	...	...
275	246	Rathbone Brs	275	...	6.0	2.7	16.7
23½	17	Rutland Tst	23	...	...	4.3	13.7
330	253	S & U	254	...	10.0	4.9	∞
69	48	Singer & Fried	64	...	2.6	5.1	∞
975	738	Sotheby's	963	...	...	3.9	...
116	83	STP Capital	116	-3	3.0	3.3	∞

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1950	1487½	Amer Express	1900	-37½	...	...	...
235	183	Electra	228	+5	6.7	3.6	32.0
978	835	Henderson Ad	920	-10	42.0	5.9	∞
123	92	Invesco MIM	123	+5	3.0	3.0	∞
223	164	Jardine Strat	217	+1	...	3.3	10.7
194	154	MAI	191	+5	6.0	3.9	13.9
523	389	MAM	523	+12	15.0	3.6	13.1
790	633	M & G	779	+7	...	3.4	20.7
227	115	Smith New Crt	227	+3	4.5	2.5	9.0
80	55	Trio Hldgs	78	...	...	4.8	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	461	AB Food	469	+1	14.0	3.8	10.5
77½	53	ASDA Group	70	+1½	...	2.9	22.6
255	170	Acatos & Hutch	210	...	6.5	3.9	12.1
76	55	Albert Fisher	62	-2	3.7	7.6	10.3
407	297	Argyll	344	+3	...	4.0	12.5
25	12	Ashley Group	15	...	4.7	...	...
147	122	Assoc Fisheries	129	-3	8.0	7.8	∞
230	180	Banks (S C)	208	...	8.2	5.0	10.4
402	310	Barr (AG)	370	...	6.5	2.2	18.7
85	57	Bensons Crsp	62	...	...	5.7	13.9
141	112½	Berisford Intl	135	...	...	...	...
435	357	Booker	371	-1	...	7.3	38.2
52	35	Borthwick	50½	+½	1.2	3.0	∞
498	430	Brake Bros	498	+4	8.2	1.6	20.7
51	38	Budgen	41	...	...	...	13.9
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	445	...	...	3.7	16.5
104	78	Carrs Milling	104	...	3.9	4.7	20.6
201	178	Cranswick	192	...	...	4.9	14.1
20	8½	Cullens	19	+4	0.5	3.4	∞
384	168	Dalepak	207	...	6.0	3.6	9.3
491	424	Dalgety	427	+3	19.5	5.7	12.4
54	27	Daniels S	54	...	...	0.6	...
134	122	Everest	129	...	...	3.4	17.8
295	289	Farepak	290	...	...	2.2	20.6
10	3	Farringford	7½	...	...	...	...
94	73	Finlay (James)	73	-½	4.1	7.1	∞
125	78	Fyffes	100	...	...	1.6	16.6
483	328	Geest	363	...	8.1	2.8	16.3
12	7	Global	10	-½	...	6.3	15.6
45	43	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.3	...
201	147	Hazlewood Fds	180	-2	6.1	4.2	10.9
171	131	Hillsdown	149	+1	...	7.4	11.7
250	205½	Iceland Group	242	+2½	...	1.7	21.6
131	111	JLI Group	120	...	4.5	4.7	17.3
853	731	Kwik Save	752	-9	16.0	2.7	14.4
262	193	Low (Wm)	195	...	8.4	5.4	9.4
58	41	Matthews (B)	57	-1	2.2	4.9	37.3
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	17	...	...	8.2	∞
174	149	Morrison (W)	155	-1	...	0.6	20.1
538	443	Nichols (JN)	573	...	13.6	3.2	15.4
290	242	Nthn Foods	244	-1	...	4.3	13.4
22	13	Nthmbrn Fne	20	-3	...	...	8.3
229	172	Nurdin Peack	212	+5	6.1	3.6	∞
241	205	Park Foods	238	-1	...	1.7	28.4
115	85	Perkins Food	108	-1	4.4	5.1	∞
96½	47	PizzaExpress	84	...	...	0.7	48.3
6¼	1½	Regina Hlth	6	...	...	...	...
584	446	Sainsbury J	491	+6	10.0	2.5	∞
68	33	Sentry Farms	61	...	...	3.1	10.9
225	170	Sims Food	182	-3	11.2	7.7	9.8
439	357	Tate & Lyle	362	...	12.0	4.1	11.4
273	208	Tesco	215	-2	...	4.1	10.2
211	123	Thorntons	139	-1	3.6	3.3	12.9
185	101	Treats	171	...	...	2.6	19.5
375	300	Unigate	375	+4	15.3	5.7	11.9
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	386	+3	...	5.0	19.9
25	21	Usborne	22	...	2.4	2.3	13.5
337	248	Watson & Phil	309	...	13.3	5.4	16.1

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	16	Airdin Sth Ha	16	...	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Rest	95	...	1.5	2.3	20.5
209	170	Forte	208	-1	...	4.5	16.3
199	155	Friendly Hotels	182	-5	5.7	3.9	∞
8	5	Harmony Leis	6	-½	...	...	...
110	87	Jarvis Hotel	106	...	...	5.5	12.5
215	154	Ladbroke	198	-2	...	7.4	16.1
73	59	Mandarin Ortl	68	-1	...	4.9	18.2
59	44	Queens Moat	47	...	...	7.6	6.3
90	83	-do- 7½% Cnv	85	...	...	7.5	11.0
2¼	¼	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	47	...	3.4	9.2	9.2
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	17½	...	...	6.3	∞
795	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	790	+5	7.0	1.1	...
57	34½	Stakis	53	+2	...	1.1	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	179	AAF Inds	199	...	...	5.5	12.2
616	478	AAH	500	+3	16.3	4.1	15.9
172	140	ADM	142	...	6.5	5.7	6.8
132	88	APV	102	-2	...	6.6	...
233	81	ASW	219	...	...	3.6	...
166	124	AGwest	150	...	7.0	5.3	23.6
28	10	Aerospace Eng	27	...	1.0	...	16.4
508	424	Airsprung	507	...	7.5	1.8	14.1
146	113	Alcinda	146	...	3.8	3.3	40.3
13½	7	Allied Radio	7	...	...	...	...
540	415	Alumasc	540	...	11.0	3.5	16.5
35	17	Alvis	34	...	1.0	3.7	7.0
420	345	Amber Ind	385	...	7.0	5.5	10.3
38	18	Amberley Grp	33	...	...	3.8	...
145	115	Andrews Sykes	115	-4	4.4	4.7	66.2
893	703	Anotagasta	745	-3	...	...	13.3
50½	37	Armour	42	...	1.4	4.4	13.3
170	143	Ash & Lacy	156	...	6.4	5.1	16.0
3½	2½	Ash Br Eng	3½	...	0.9	1.9	...
541½	434	Assoc Rubber	487	...	...	4.2	19.4
235	168	Assoc Nursgs	232	...	...	...	8.2
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	657	...	...	4.2	10.5
48	35	Ayrshire Metal	41	-4	...	...	...
172	147	BBA	155	...	...	3.2	13.2
56	28	BLP Group	55	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	21	-2	5.0	...	0.9
770	659	BOC	660	-2	23.2	4.4	14.5
79½	62	BSG	57	...	...	6.0	23.3
487	353	BSS Group	487	+1	...	4.4	19.5
621	530	BTR	650	+2	...	3.7	20.9
221	189	BWI	199	...	...	4.4	18.2
41½	31	Babcock	34½	+1	...	7.6	∞
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...	...
299	241	Baird (Wm)	261	...	8.9	4.5	11.2
106½	55½	Barlow Rand	64½	-3½	...	5.4	3.6
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	59	...	...	3.0	24.3
15	5	Beaufort	8	-1½	...	...	...
11	6½	Beckman	8	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)	30	...	...	...	...
23½	15½	Benson Group	17½	...	...	...	...
707	513	Bespak	539	...	6.1	0.7	16.2
133	83	Bibby (J)	86	...	9.0	2.1	16.8
300	129	Billam (J)	241	...	9.7	4.3	5.2
41	21½	Bisboc Bothwck	36	...	5.0	2.4	12.2
11½	6½	Bimec Ind	6½	...	0.6	...	...
153	126	Birkby	154	...	...	3.8	...

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TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	411	BAT	430	+3	...	5.4	16.1
600	504½	Rothmans 'B'	615	+5	10.2	2.1	14.1

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LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
345	280	Airtours	309	+3	7.2	2.9	10.9
60	42	Ald Leis	57	...	4.7	...	16.3
308	194	Anglia TV	303	+1	...	3.6	14.0
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	219	+7	10.0	3.2	14.1
1200	930	Boosey Hwks	1185	+5	22.0	2.3	17.9
124	90	Border TV	122	+4	...	2.8	16.0
16½	4	Brent Walker	11½	...	...	...	...
8	2½	Buckingham Int	6¼	+¼	...	...	...
201	120	Campari	133	-2	12.0	11.3	∞
197	171	Capital Radio	183	-1	5.2	3.6	21.1
818	716	Carlton Comm	787	-2	17.0	2.7	23.0
200	158	Castle Comms	183	...	...	5.8	16.7
1905	1615	Central TV	1905	+5	38.0	2.5	20.7
83	61	Chrysalis	65	...	...	...	...
580	470	Compass Gp	487	-2	...	3.3	14.6
350	218	Eurocamp	225	...	9.7	5.4	4.1
1180	710	Euro Disney	803	+10	...	1.5	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	5½	...	...	...	...
31	18	Ex-Lands	31	...	...	...	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	270	+20	10.5	4.9	...
378	320	First Leisure	337	-2	6.1	2.3	23.3
515	296	GWR Gp	510	...	...	1.7	26.2
195	149	Grampian	193	...	6.1	4.0	∞
6	5	Greenwich Comm	5	...	...	...	...
51	19	HTV Group	49	...	...	...	21.8
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	50	+2	3.0	5.0	∞
12½	5½	Kunick	10½	...	...	...	...
394	262	LWT CP	373	...	...	1.6	17.3
475	337	Man Utd	434	-5	18.0	5.2	14.5
148	90½	Owners Abrd	95	+1	3.5	4.6	7.6
66	33	The Pelican Gp	56	...	...	2.2	19.3
130	55	Prism Leisure	110	...	...	3.1	12.5
20	16	Quadrant Grp	19	...	...	...	...
318	286	Radio Clyde	288	+½	...	3.7	22.6
175	132	Ramsdens (H)	168	...	...	3.3	22.3
502	431	Scot TV	473	-1	9.9	2.6	23.3
60	41	Southern Radio	42	+½	0.7	2.4	17.5
219	168	Stanley Leisure	210	...	...	3.5	17.7
9	5½	Sunleigh	8	...	...	...	...
145	135	Sunset & Vine	135	...	3.5	3.2	15.8
420	383	Tanjong	420	...	...	0.6	∞
221	150	Thames TV	196	...	2.5	1.6	∞
2½	1	Ticketing	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	94	...	...	...	3.0
78	44	Trans World	69	...	...	1.4	25.2
434	274	Ulster TV	434	...	10.0	2.9	13.3
22	13½	Wembley	17	...	0.2	1.5	...
32	7½	Whitegate	32	+3	...	...	...
187	110	Yorkshire TV	186	...	12.0	8.1	5.6
110	83	Zetters Gp	110	...	8.0	9.1	11.1

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4300	1800	Am Gold	4000	-96½	...	5.2	∞
1400	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1375	+37½	...	6.7	∞
2050	1125	Ang Am	1950	...	...	5.6	∞
18½	8½	Anglo Pac Res	18	+½	...	...	...
114	35	Blyvoors	105	-3	...	5.8	5.8
41	18	Bracken	38	...	...	...	2.2
710	233	Buffels	680	-34	...	6.3	15.5
2½	1	Butte	2½	...	...	...	...
684	546	CRA	582	+5	...	3.6	∞
43½	11	Chiff Res	34½	...	...	...	...
1181½	762½	De Beers	1137½	+6½	...	4.2	15.3
136	37½	Deelkraal	123	...	...	4.9	6.7
87	7	Doornfontein	73	+4	...	...	...
887	388	Driefontein	785	-26	...	4.3	14.4
618	120	Durban	574	...	...	...	...
124	47	E Rand Gold	120	-2	...	9.8	∞
162	62	E Daggs	138	...	...	...	11.5
270	54	E Rand Prop	283	-7	...	...	...
470	117	Elandsrand	430	+8	...	2.8	10.1
722	292	FS Cons	635	-25	...	8.1	∞
40	8	FS Dev	28	-2	...	...	...
1500	725	GFSA	1425	-38	...	2.8	22.4
168	125	Gencor	168	...	...	5.9	13.0
63½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	55½	-1	...	2.6	13.1
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	19½	-½	...	...	...
145	49	Grootvlei	120	...	...	8.6	7.1
360	78	Harmony	328	-6	...	...	...
414	87	Hartbs	365	-5	...	5.3	∞
14	8½	Inoco	12	...	...	...	...
1030	491	Impala Plat	1010	+10	...	...	22.8
13½	6	Kalamazoo Res	10½	...	...	...	...
811	332	Kinross	795	-16	...	6.4	8.7
843	319	Kloof	747	-23	...	2.4	12.6
90	25	Leslie	87	...	...	4.8	8.6
119	13	Loraine	112	+4	...	...	...
116½	87	MIM	93½	+2	...	2.5	41.6
1087	820	Minorco	1067	+16	...	3.5	12.6
124½	91	Mth Brkn Hill	116	-½	...	4.3	∞
1850	640	Orange Free	1637½	-59½	...	8.0	∞
709	607	RTZ	641	+1	...	4.1	24.1
550	425	Rand Mines	537½	...	...	11.0	2.4
517	150	Randfontein	493	-7	...	3.5	7.5
192	115	Renison	185	+3	...	2.4	18.0
1280	850	Rustnbg	1200	+60	...	3.8	18.7
585	141	St Helena	510	-14	...	4.7	10.5
1582	475	Southvaal	1500	-65	...	3.8	25.9
88	18	Stilfontein	82	...	...	7.8	14.1
201	98	Unisel	170	-2	...	1.8	16.5
4775	1800	Vaal Reefs	4225	-175	...	5.2	7.2
500	154	Welkom	421	-28	...	8.0	∞
205	26	Western Areas	197	...	...	...	...
1775	587½	Western Deep	1612½	-87½	...	3.9	7.4
263	176	Wstm Mining	244½	+2	...	...	...
776	323	Winkels	764	+10	...	1.3	6.2
84	36	Zambia Copper	63	+1	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	55	...	...	...	17.5

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
331	249	API	330	...	7.5	2.8	28.7
195	144	Arjo Wiggins	183	...	...	4.4	18.0
505	408	Abbott Mead	503	...	9.3	2.3	26.1
1½	¼	Acsis Group	1½	...	...	...	...
31	13	Aegis Gp	29	...	1.3	5.9	...
213	155	Aspen Comms	200	...	...	3.1	18.2
19	7	BBB Design	13	...	...	...	...
343	234½	Bemrose	340	...	...	4.3	14.0
33	15	Birkdale	18	+1	0.2	1.4	15.2
138	118	Bunzl	127	+1	4.0	3.9	19.2
287	257	CIA Gp	268	+4	...	2.0	16.9
209	93	Capital Inds	208	...	...	1.9	19.9
56	44	City of Lon	55	...	...	6.1	∞
274	169	Cropper (James)	214	...	3.0	1.8	24.4
6	6	Crown Comm	6	...	...	...	...
73	51	Delyn Pckaging	65	...	1.4	2.8	12.9
117	94	Dolphin Pack	113	...	4.5	5.0	27.9
56	42	Dudley Jenkins	56	...	...	...	14.4
15½	12½	Elswick	13½	...	0.3	2.8	∞
71	41	Fairway Group	71	...	...	5.5	20.9
333	271	Ferguson Intl	311	...	12.5	5.0	∞
105	92	Fenny Pick	105	...	...	6.7	28.3
107	74	Filofax	105	...	...	0.5	26.2
20	14	Finch	16	...	...	...	...
100	69	Gibbon Lyons	92	-2	...	6.8	18.0
295	247	Gold Greenless	280	...	...	3.7	22.7
41	20	Goodhead	26	...	0.5	2.4	...
88	43	Hunterprint	67	-3	...	...	...
185	136	Intereurope	180	...	7.4	5.2	11.8
264	191	Jarvis Porter	251	-1	4.7	2.4	∞
32	15½	Lopex	31	...	...	...	...
282	175	More O'Ferrall	282	...	13.2	5.9	∞
90	48	NMC Group	87	...	1.2	...	17.2
103	86	Osborne & Little	97	...	4.3	5.6	12.4
517	455	Portals	499	-4	...	3.9	15.7
265	187	Quarto	265	+6	5.3	2.3	15.5
342	317	St Ives Gp	318	...	5.2	2.1	21.7
185½	142½	Saatchi	159	-6	...	...	...
472	333	Sappi	443	...	...	8.3	∞
19½	11½	Serif	18½	+½	...	...	...
28½	14	Shandwick	25½	+1	...	...	...
354	294	Smith-David	348	-2	9.5	3.4	15.4
295	257	Smurfit (Jeff)	242	...	...	3.2	15.0
246	183	Sun-Plas	245	...	8.0	4.1	∞
25½	16½	Taylor Nelson	25	-½	0.3	1.5	21.0
58	35	VTR	56	...	...	7.6	16.0
88	40	WPP	86	+1	...	1.5	...
129	62	Wace	120	...	...	2.2	...
221	203	Waddington (J)	212	-1	7.0	4.7	16.0
683	540	Watmough	683	+1	11.5	2.1	26.8
6½	4½	Westport	6½	...	...	...	23.3
22	12	Whitney Mck	20	...	...	...	...
87	55	Wood (SW)	70	-3½	1.2	2.2	∞

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
77	41	Allied Lon	76	...	3.5	5.8	65.6
63	50	Arcadian	63	...	...	...	...
94	54	Asda	93	...	2.1	2.8	9.8
139	88	Avonside	133	+1	4.0	3.8	18.6
2607½	2062½	BCB	2350	+25	...	...	...
600	396	Bilton	600	+5	18.9	3.9	21.7
40	33	Bourne End	40	...	1.0	3.1	...
213	150	Bradford	209	...	4.4	2.7	19.0
21	12	Bredero	16	+1	...	...	1.5
332	169½	Br Land	332	+12½	...	2.6	30.7
218	155	Brixton	217	+5	...	5.2	15.8
78	45	Burford	77	+1½	...	1.9	...
155	99	Cap & Regnl	155	+1	...	0.9	∞
160	120	Cardiff Prop	160	...	2.4	1.9	...
375	196	Chesterfield	375	+5	11.0	3.7	∞
32	12	City Site Est	28	-1	1.4	...	...
22	12	Clarke Nickolls	22	...	0.3	...	5.3
15	10	Clayform	14	...	...	...	...
48	34	Conrad Rtsnt GS	48	+2	...	1.3	...
1125	818	Daejan	1125	+2	25.0	2.8	17.6
4	1¼	Dares Estates	3½	+½	...	...	...
93	53	Debenham Twsn	92	...	2.5	3.4	33.4
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
140	76	Dencora	140	...	3.0	2.7	...
493	263	Derwent Hldgs	493	+3	8.6	2.2	61.4
235	170	Estates Agency	235	...	3.0	...	21.5
27	7½	Estates Gen	18	...	...	...	...
84	72	Eranbrook	80	...	2.7	4.4	8.5
169	132	Evans Of Leeds	169	...	4.1	3.1	16.2
27½	11	Five Oaks	27	...	...	...	...
55	30	Fletcher King	51	...	1.0	2.5	36.9
422	265	Frogmore	422	+16	15.0	4.4	23.8
160	97	Grainger	155	...	5.2	4.2	34.6
205	120	Gt Portland	184	-2	10.0	6.6	18.8
26½	7½	Greycoat	23½	...	5.2	...	...
138	101	HK Land	138	+6	...	4.7	∞
75	35	Hamlco Cstyn	70	...	...	...	...
417	227	Hammerson	383	+3	10.0	3.5	36.9
382	245	-do- 'A'	354	+1	10.0	3.8	34.1
220	127	Helical Bar	220	+3	...	2.7	...
28	19	Hemingway	29	...	...	...	...
132	57	Herring Baker	77	+3	3.3	6.1	∞
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
588	435	Land Sec	588	+12	...	4.8	17.5
96	73	Lon Mercn Sec	96	+1	3.8	4.9	15.3
3½	1½	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
454	324	MEPC	440	+4½	20.0	5.7	18.4
7½	5	McInerney A	7½	...	...	...	...
130	90	McKay Secs	120	...	6.7	...	19.7
7	3	Markheath	6½	...	0.5	...	...
49	12	Marylebone Mor	47	+1	1.0	...	...
5	5	Martin Intl	5	...	...	...	...
38	28	Moorfield Est	38	+3	...	...	...
905	775	Mountview	905	...	18.0	2.5	9.3
145	112	Mucklow (A&J)	145	...	5.9	5.1	20.4
46	30	Olives Hldgs	40	...	1.5	4.7	...
10½	4	Oisany Est	9½	...	0.1	...	1.6
137	88	PHT	131	+1	3.7	3.6	26.1
210	138	Peel	201	+12	3.0	1.8	...
16	5	Power Corp	8	-1	...	...	0.9
41	22	Property Trust	35	-1	...	...	...
3	1½	Raglan	3	...	...	...	...
28	11	Regalian	25	...	1.5	7.5	4.9
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	135	...	1.5	1.4	∞
37	16	St Modwen Prp	36	...	0.6	2.1	27.4
70	39	Savills	66	...	...	...	...
82	34	Scot-Met	82	+1	1.5	...	...
96	39	Shaftesbury	95	...	...	...	...
14½	5	Shield	10½	...	...	...	...
224	139½	Slough Estates	215	+3	...	4.7	15.0
82	56	Southend Prop	82	+5	4.1	6.4	41.4
16	7	Speyhawk	14	...	...	...	...
28	16	Stanhope Prps	26	...	...	...	...
174	114	Tops Ests	174	+6	2.0	1.4	44.1
116	79	Town Centre	115	...	3.1	3.4	21.5
72	43	Trafford Park	68	...	2.5	4.7	18.3
38	8	UK Land	27	...	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	8	+½	...	...	...
243	180	Warner	235	-4	10.5	5.6	21.5
199	168	Warnford	192	...	7.5	5.0	∞
8	3½	Waterglade	6½	+½	...	...	...
67	35	Wates	67	...	0.7	1.4	...
78	40	Wood John Ds	75	...	...	...	...

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41	21	Triton Europe	25	...	...	...	5.7
12	6½	Villiers Grp	11½	...	...	...	...
172	143½	Woodside	158	+3	...	2.3	...

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صكناش الاصل

Rates relief not getting through to small firms

BY DEREK HARRIS

THE chances of ailing small businesses having their rates burden eased are getting slimmer, according to the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB).

Under the local government finance Act of 1988, local authorities have discretion to reduce or remit rates liability for a business that is suffering financial hardship. It would appear that not too many have. In the past financial year, when about £11 billion was collected in business rates, a sum of only £185,000 was handed back in hardship relief.

This has not surprised the FSB, a small business lobby group which has 58,000 members. It points out that a local authority stands to gain more from a business going bust than in offering hardship relief.

John Harris, the FSB chairman, said: "Where local authorities waive part, or all, of the business rates payable, the government currently refunds 75 per cent of the rebate given.

"However, where an authority declines to help a local trader and the business then goes bust, the authority is allowed to offset all of the unpaid rates by deducting this from its contributions to the national non-domestic rating pool. Local authorities are therefore better off leaving an ailing business to go to the wall."

There is now another turn of the screw on the small business in difficulties, according to the FSB. This is because local authorities in the current financial year have a duty to collect all local rates on time or suffer a financial penalty in next year's round of government funding.

It will encourage local authorities to operate a "pay now or close up" policy with ailing businesses, the FSB believes.

A failed business throws more people into the dole queue, with the subsequent costs to the taxpayer, so the Treasury would gain more if a business remained operational while paying reduced rates, the FSB argues.



"And what do I send YOU? A threat to go to the small claims court, or condolences on going bust?"

Golden touch on the greens

BY RODNEY HOBSON

GOLFERS who buy their putters from Tony Myles think twice before breaking them in half with frustration when they miss a putt. His company, Golden Eagle, makes putters with solid gold heads.

Despite the recession, he has built up an international trade and reputation for 9 and 18-carat clubs retailing at up to £7,500. The idea dates back more than 20 years to when Mr Myles worked for a US sports equipment factory in Northern Ireland. One of his roles was to inspect the quality of golfing items, and he realised that it was one sport where only the best materials would do.

He learned that while golf attracts people of all types and incomes, players usually demand extremely high standards of equipment. The idea was stymied while Mr Myles spent 20 years working for Michelin, the tyre maker, including 11 years in Burnley, where he now lives. A year ago, he was made redundant and got his business going.

He says: "I have put years of experience and a lot of careful thought and research into the business. One of the most important steps I took was to seek assistance from Burnley Enterprise Trust." Through the agency, he secured help from East Lancashire Training and Enterprise Council's business support unit in Accrington. He says: "The advice I received was invaluable in the early months, but it is available for as long as I need it, which is tremendously reassuring." The training and enterprise council has given financial and business support through its FirmBase scheme, created out of the old enterprise allowance scheme, which couples training and planning help with rigorous business counselling in the first 12 months. The scheme has helped about 1,000 business start-ups since its launch two years ago. Mr Myles has put £25,000 of his own money into his business.

BARRY GREENWOOD



Getting ahead: Tony Myles displays his ultimate £7,500 companion for a golfer who loves carats

So far he has sold more than 70 putters and has firm orders for a further 85. Early models had to have the shaft strengthened because of the habit among golfers of turning the putter upside down and leaning on it while retrieving the ball from the hole. The majority, however, are bought as corporate gifts. Some have been requested by the Professional Golfers Association as tournament prizes. In addition to solid gold heads, Mr Myles makes solid silver and gold or silver plated versions. He commissioned a Scottish company to produce tan leather presentation cases. The grips are made in Leeds and the heads in Wakefield. All items are limited editions.

Mr Myles has now had a request from Abu Dhabi for a platinum club and is making enquiries to find a company to cast it.

BRIEFINGS

Two-day courses aimed at generating ideas for new businesses are being organised by Cambridge Business College. The basis of the courses is a range of techniques and approaches that have been developed to generate business ideas. They have most notably been used to mitigate the problems of large-scale redundancies; the college recently ran a course for Hertfordshire Training and Enterprise Council as British Aerospace released 1,700 employees at its Hatfield factory in the county.

The new courses, open to all, will be held at Girton College, Cambridge. A split course starts on Saturday and continues the following Saturday, June 19. A weekend course will be held on July 10 and 11. Each costs £695, exclusive of VAT. The course leader is Barrie Hawkins, senior tutor and former business lecturer who has run his own business. More details from the college on 0223 63159.

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LAW

As more injured players litigate, football administrators face a challenge, says **David Conn**

When the law cries foul





Legal challengers: the injured Paul Elliott (left), of Chelsea, and John Uzzell, who was hurt while playing for Torquay United





Legal challengers: the boardroom contest between Terry Venables (left) and Alan Sugar of Tottenham Hotspur will be played out this week

Although the football season has closed for the summer, the final round of the Alan Sugar-Terry Venables contest will be played out on Thursday: an acrimonious battle which has emerged from behind the boardroom doors into the Royal Courts of Justice.

Later this year the same court will hear the action brought by Paul Elliott against Dean Saunders, one of a series of conflicts on the field which are spilling over into litigation. Players increasingly are looking to the courts for compensation for injuries caused by dangerous tackles or violent aerial challenges. Writs have been issued by players against opponents in the Premier League and Second Division, and the solicitor's firm Boyce Hatton is advising on potential claims by Torquay United players Philip Lloyd and John Uzzell: one the victim of a late, high tackle, the other of an elbow in the face.

The Scottish international Ian Durrant, who was out of the sport for three years, settled his action against Aberdeen's Neil Simpson last February, accepting an undisclosed sum, thought to be around £300,000, for serious injury to his knee. The case against Wimbledon's John Fashanu rumbles on, the result of a tackle which ended the career of John O'Neill only 35 minutes into his debut for Norwich City.

Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the players' union, the Professional Footballers' Association, is determined to discourage potentially dangerous play among his 3,000 members. Despite career-saving advances in medical treatment, 50 players a year are forced by injury to retire. He describes as "very disappointing" last month's FA Cup final replay, with its abiding memory of the foul by Mark Bright of Sheffield Wednesday, whose elbow broke the nose of his limpet-like marker Andy Linighan.

Two criminal prosecutions have been brought against professional footballers this season, for alleged offences committed on the pitch. Mark Stein, of Stoke City, faces a charge of actual bodily harm, due for committal to the crown court on June 24, arising out of an alleged assault on Stockport's Jim Gannon, who is also suing for damages.

The trial of Gary Blissett, of Brentford, for grievous bodily harm, is now infamous for the involvement of Graham Kelly, chief executive of the sports governing body, the Football Association, who appeared as a witness for the defence, stating that the challenge, which left John Uzzell with a broken eye socket and cheekbone, was not different to those he might see "200 times a week". Blissett was acquitted. Edward Grayson, the barrister acting for Paul Elliott and author of *Sport and the Law*, believes that the prosecutor in the Blissett case should have asked the judge to exclude the evidence of Kelly, who was not opining within his own field of expertise, which is administration.

Although professional cases make the headlines — the challenge by Saunders, then playing for Liverpool, on Elliott of Chelsea, was seen by seven million people the same evening on *Match of the Day* — amateur football, with a million and a half registered players, is prey to more violent play and consequent legal actions.

The case which established that players of a contact sport owe each other a "duty of care" was brought in 1984 by James Condon, of Whittle Wanderers, for compensation for a broken leg caused by an over-the-ball tackle in a local league in Leamington. Lord Donaldson pronounced the Court of Appeal's decision, stating that players must accept a certain level of risk, but are not judged to consent to reckless or malicious challenges.

"Behaviour must be appropriate in all the circumstances," he ruled, and "a higher degree of care is expected of a player in a higher division". The judgment will be subject to minute examination by lawyers in the cases now on court files.

The trend towards legal action attracts the opprobium of some in sport who are seeing traditional machismo and vows of silence melt into high court writs. Gordon Taylor is genuinely concerned at the possible emergence of "ambulance-chasing lawyers, as they have in America".

Such a suggestion is scoffed at by Mr Grayson, who believes that the real question is why more claims were not brought before: "Footballers have been raised on stories of heroism, such as Bert Trautmann playing the 1956 Cup Final with a broken neck, but they now realise that the law does not stop at the touchline."

A spokesman for the Football Association said it would prefer such incidents to stay out of court, and be dealt with by its own disciplinary procedures. However, it cannot provide a means for compensation for the victim, only punishment of the aggressor. This season provided the starkest example — a matter of weeks after Graham Kelly's support of Blissett, the FA fined Wimbledon's Vinnie Jones £20,000, its highest fine for a player, for his role in presenting a video *Soccer's Hard Men*, a history of foul play in English football.

Gordon Taylor, highly critical of the FA's role in the Blissett case, says that "at times their reaction is stronger on bad publicity than bad play".

Mr Grayson accuses the FA of having no "moral responsibility", and suspects its motives for trying to keep the lawyers away, believing that it may fear opening a "can of worms" in the running of football. The affidavits at Thursday's hearing between Mr Sugar and Mr Venables may touch on this issue and provide two accounts of disputed transfer dealings at Tottenham.

In an evermore litigious society, the greater use of the courtroom by footballers seems bound to continue. The sport should beware the lawyers, for they are coming.

A little contempt goes a long way

When Paul Powell was sent to prison for wolf-whistling at a young female juror at Cardiff Crown Court, he added to the rich anthology of cases in which punishments have been imposed on those unwise enough to disturb the proceedings of a court.

Judge Geoffrey Kilfoil sentenced Mr Powell to 14 days' imprisonment for contempt of court. He spent a day in custody before being freed on bail pending an appeal. At the end of last month, the Court of Appeal allowed the appeal, concluding that the sentence imposed was "inappropriate". This was the judicial equivalent of the verdict of the headline writer on *The Sun*, who had enquired, "Have You Gone Mad M'Lud?". (It is, incidentally, only tabloid newspapers who still refer to judges as "M'Lud".)

The Court of Appeal, although allowing the appeal against sentence, dismissed Mr Powell's appeal against his conviction for contempt because there is no doubt that a legal offence is committed by those who disturb court proceedings by a deliberate act. The types of disturbance for which the court may impose penalties vary considerably in their gravity.



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The 1348 Year Books established that it was a contempt to draw a sword to strike the judge in court. At the other extreme, when a jury found a defendant not guilty of high treason in 1796, "there was a considerable shout in the Hall; and a man of the name of Thompson jumping up in the middle of the court waving his hat and shouting was taken into custody and fined £20".

An insult to a member of the jury may amount to contempt. In 1864, Chief Justice Cockburn upheld a fine of £20 imposed on an unwise barrister for insulting the foreman of the jury during his closing speech for the defence. (It is not a contempt to insult the jury's intelligence with a closing speech for the defence.) There are many examples of the use of contempt powers for other minor disturbances in court.

In 1926, a County Court judge fined a man who had failed to remove his hat on entering the court. In 1981, a judge at Durham Crown Court ordered a man to spend the weekend in prison for contempt for throwing up his arms to celebrate his acquittal on two theft charges. The judge considered it an "insolent contempt", despite the defendant's explanation that "it was just the excitement of getting off; I've been in custody for five months". In April 1992, a judge at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court ordered 12 people to be detained in custody overnight after a noisy display of pleasure from the public gallery after a jury acquitted a defendant.

The most extreme example of such cases is the extraordinary trial in Scotland in 1972, where a witness (sitting in court after giving his evidence) silently shook his head in disagreement with the content of the prosecutor's summing-up of the case. The judge told him that it was "not for you to shake your head at what you hear in this court". He was fined £10 for contempt. The High Court of Justiciary allowed an appeal.

Many of these cases indicate that judges, like all human beings, can be oversensitive. A wise judge would have turned a blind eye or defused the situation without imposing any penalty. In his entertaining memoirs, *Summing it Up*, Sir James Comyn describes how he appeared at Lambeth County Court some decades ago as counsel for landlords seeking to evict a middle-aged lady. As he began his cross-examination of the woman, "she bent down in the witness box, rustled in a bag and produced a dead cat, which she threw at me". Judge Clothier QC was equal to the situation: "Madam, if you do that again I'll commit you" for contempt.

When a young man disturbed with applause the courtroom of Lord Chief Justice Coleridge at the Leeds Assizes in 1893, the judge sent him to prison for 48 hours because "no Court shall be disgraced whilst I sit in it." But at the end of the day's sitting, "the Chief Justice relented, and with a severe caution to the young man ordered his release from custody."

Judges inevitably find it difficult to consider objectively the proper response to an act which has disturbed their own courtroom. Yet they enjoy summary powers to deal immediately with contempt cases by sending offenders to prison. It is important to reserve such severe, summary sanctions for the most serious cases.

In 1974, in the Court of Appeal, Lord Denning freed from prison a young man who had planned to release laughing gas into the austere court of Mr Justice Melford Stevenson at St Albans. When apprehended, the practical joker had told the judge (in an act of conspicuous bravery), "You are a humourless automaton. Why don't you self-destruct?" The judge sent the defendant to prison for six months.

Lord Denning, in allowing an appeal, concluded that "insults are best treated with disdain — save where they are gross and scandalous". To use the powers of contempt of court against members of the public in trivial cases inevitably promotes public contempt for the court.

● *The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.*

Council's tender spot

THE Association of Metropolitan Authorities (AMA) has been forced to look again at the wording of its standard tender documents after Judge Zucker QC ruled in the High Court that a cleaning company was entitled to withdraw a tender accepted by Southampton City Council without being in breach of contract.

The judge ruled unenforceable the wording in Southampton's tender documents which said that acceptance of a tender in advance of formal agreement would create a binding contract. AMA is waiting to study the judgment before deciding how to respond. Southampton City Council may appeal.

Church in court?

THE Roman Catholic church is likely to be sued by parents of two sexually-abused children for failing to stop a priest allegedly molesting them. The suit, which will be the first case of its kind, follows an alleged admission by the Archbishop of Birmingham that the church could have acted more promptly against the priest, who is now serving a prison sentence.

Bar stays closed

THE Cabinet reshuffle has had one unwelcome knock-on effect. Norman Lamont was a keen supporter of opening the crown courts to lawyers in the government legal service (and presumably also in the Crown Prosecution Service). He had written to Lord Mackay, the Lord Chancellor, expressing concern that government lawyers were no further forward in obtaining wider rights of audience than two years ago when legislation was passed to end the Bar's monopoly of advocacy rights in the higher courts.

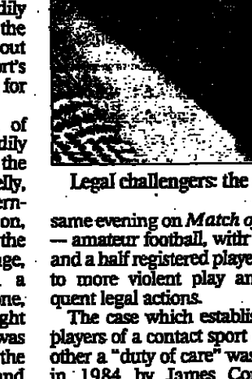
His replacement, Kenneth Clarke, is a QC and has made no secret of his opposition to opening the higher courts to CPS lawyers.

Race against time

THE Society of Black Lawyers celebrates its 20th anniversary this week. But despite the increased awareness of the need to take specific action to tackle racism in the legal profession, the society says that "for many black lawyers and law students — excluded from work and opportunity, often disciplined for protecting their clients' rights — the problems remain".

With black people disproportionately represented in jail — recent research for the Commission for Racial Equality found black defendants were 6 to 8 per cent more likely to receive a custodial sentence — the society is now looking to the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice for proposals such as multi-racial juries to improve matters.

OUTS



Flattened hopes

IS THE spirit of the Leasehold Reform bill slowly being destroyed in its final parliamentary stages as a result of some hard lobbying in the Lords?

Some observers think so. Jonathan Wierner, a property developer, points out that the latest amendments impose such restrictive conditions on the tenants who may band together to buy a freehold that hardly any group will muster the two-thirds needed before they can use the legislation. In particular, he cites the provision that tenants must have occupied a flat as an "only or principal" home for the last 12 months or for periods amounting to three years in the last 10.

"It is almost certain that in any block more than one-third of tenants will not own their flat as their only or principal residence.

"Add those flats owned by residents domiciled abroad and by English or foreign companies, and it will be impossible for a two-thirds majority to be gathered."

Mouths of babes

THE evidence of child witnesses is all too easy to challenge on the grounds that the child has been coached. A child witness information pack has just been launched by the NSPCC, Childline, the Children's Society, the Lord Chancellor's department and the Crown Prosecution Service.

It aims to avert the collapse of prosecution cases by assisting social workers to prepare children for trial in a neutral way, encouraging truth telling but avoiding direct discussion of evidence. The pack, *Helping Children to Cope*, is based on material produced by a similar scheme in Canada.

Boston has-beens

WITH rumours in the City of firms demoting partners from equity to salaried status and making capital calls, perhaps the tale of the bankrupt Boston firm, Gaston & Snow, should sound a warning.

Gaston & Snow's 25 non-equity partners thought they were immune from any need to pay for the firm's bankruptcy debts. Not so, says the American bankruptcy trustee, Harrison Goldin. If he is right, the partners will have to stump up nearly £50,000 each.

Murder with a difference

The rich may be beyond the law — but one man is determined to expose the loopholes in their trials

Two weeks ago in Greenwich, Connecticut, Dominick Dunne was buttonholed at a "book and author breakfast" by an agitated woman who confessed: "I know who did it! I know, and I'm afraid, I'm afraid . . ."

Then, according to Dunn, the man to whom society seems to spill out its secrets, she confirmed the suspicion that prompted him to write his latest novel on the difference between justice and the law, *A Season In Purgatory*.

Like his other best-sellers, *The Two Mrs Grenvilles* and *An Inconvenient Woman*, and his reports for *Vanity Fair* on the sensational trials of Claus Von Bulow, Imelda Marcos and others, the new book explores loopholes in the legal and law-enforcement systems that, as he sees it, allow the rich to benefit from them.

It was the 1982 trial of the killer of his own daughter, the actress Dominique Dunne, (strangled by an ex-boyfriend who was imprisoned for only three years) which turned this mild-mannered movie producer into a vengeful vigilante.

Since then he has rattled skeletons in many a cupboard, particularly those lurking in the wardrobes of the wealthy.

His latest novel is about a family more than loosely based on the Kennedys, and the trial it examines bears marked similarities to that where William Kennedy Smith was acquitted of rape. In the book the girl does not live to testify — she is battered to death by a baseball bat. But, as in the Kennedy Smith case, witnesses willing to draw parallels to the defendant's previous "form" are barred from testifying.

"I happen to think this is terribly wrong," says Mr Dunne. "Several women came forward ready to testify that the man who had killed my daughter had also savagely beaten them, but they were not allowed to testify. Yet the victim can be blamed for anything."

As a director of the National Victim Centre in America, he has been co-ordinating a campaign "to stop this tendency to blame the victim, about whom, it seems, anything can be said — particularly if they're dead".

He feels that "while there's no reason for it to come out that a guy who's accused of rape once robbed a store, I believe that similar offences should be taken into account".

He also argues that "as long as the rich can afford to hire million-dollar lawyers like Alan Dershowitz, as in the Von Bulow case, or Roy Black, the Kennedy Smith lawyer, while the prosecution has to make do with a bright kid three years out of law school, 99 per cent of the time the million-dollar lawyers will win."



Dunne: vigilante

There should be provision, he says, for the prosecution to employ similar-calibre advocates, whatever the cost.

He also criticises the way investigations are often left in the hands of local police, who may be in awe of — or indebted to — the more substantial citizens in their patch.

"This book is based on an actual murder that took place nearly 19 years ago," he reveals. "The victim was a 15-year-old girl from a very affluent family. She was bludgeoned to death with a golf club. The golf club — only the head of which has been found — had the initials of a family.

Everyone in the locality, he says, knows who did it. Everyone in the whole country club world knows who did it. "Yet the police never got a warrant to search this family's house, never investigated the report of a woman who said the garbage man had told her he'd picked up a bag of bloody clothes from that house — and accepted the family's word that they had been 'deer-hunting' and the blood was from the deer."

The family refused to be questioned except in writing, through their lawyer.

He leaves England for California to cover the trial of the wealthy Menendez brothers accused of killing their parents. "It will be one trial with two juries — riveting. I'm sure it will feature in a future novel."

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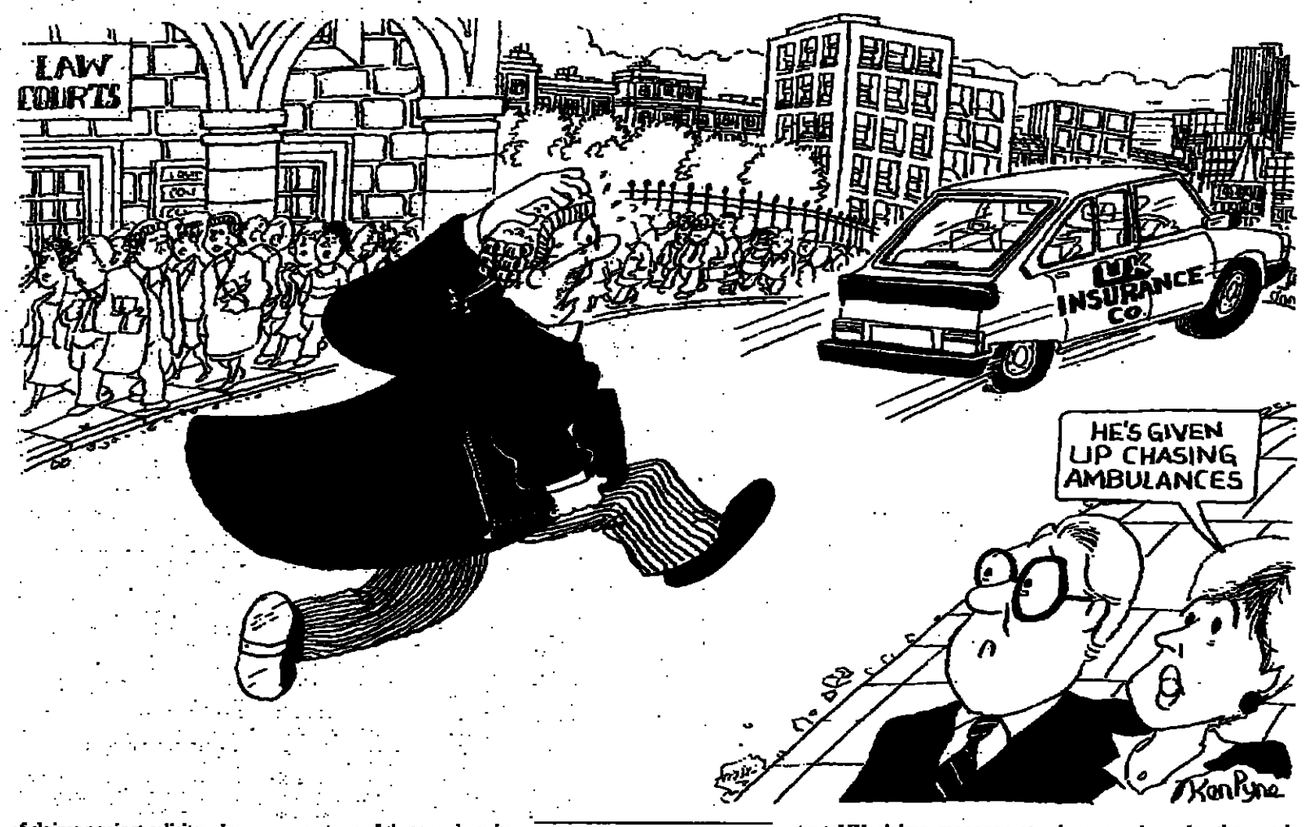
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Ensuring a prosperous future



At least one area of commercial law is flourishing as never before: law firms that have set up specialist insurance departments are, on the whole, expanding to meet demand, while many firms are looking to enter into the sector in order to benefit from the steady business it generates.

Kennedy's, a 25-partner City firm that obtains some 85 per cent of its work from insurance litigation, has seen its fee income grow ten-fold since 1980. In the last three years, while other law firms in the square mile have been shedding staff and partners, Kennedy's has appointed six partners.

Another firm specialising in insurance which has seen a huge surge in growth is Berrymans. Paul Taylor, the new senior partner, estimates turnover has doubled in the last four years. The firm has expanded: it now has 20 partners and 65 fee-earners and has opened offices in Birmingham and Southampton. Mr Taylor believes that even more than most, the "younger, energetic" profile of the firm has secured it a bigger market share.

At D.J. Freeman, a 50-partner firm which was hit badly by the property crash, the insurance section has expanded from two to 16 lawyers in the last five years. Stephen Cantle, a senior partner with Kennedy's, says: "There are various reasons for more work, and there are more types of insurance, which expands the possible numbers of claims. Consumer awareness has risen, which means more people are willing to sue professional advisers or manufacturers of products, and this has opened the floodgates of liability work.

"In recessionary times, there is always more work as insurance and reinsurance companies fall out over who owes what. As business losses grow, so the old idea that insurance is a gentleman's market, in which problems can be solved socially, has become history."

In terms of liability claims in the last ten years, the numbers of claims against solicitors has risen six-fold and claims against doctors have doubled. Today, a surveyor who is not sued every other year is doing well: on average, an accountant is sued every four years. This may be bad news for the professionals concerned, but for the lawyers handling the cases, there is a silver lining.

John Tissington, financial claims director with the American International Group, says: "It is depressing that the increasing numbers of claims and counter claims between insurance companies are ending up in court. There must be a more efficient and cheaper way."

One reason that solicitors have done well out of insurance work is that there have always been claims; and a fair percentage of these end up in court. But David Kendall, head of D. J. Freeman's insurance group, says: "Lawyers who think that good times last for ever have been caught out before. A lot of work comes from the insurance and reinsurance markets of London, which are starting to reduce capacity, so some of the legal work could disappear. And the overhaul of the legal aid system could lead to a decline in professional and product liability cases."

> 'There is always work, as companies fall out over who owes what'

Most insurance legal work has been done by lesser-known firms — even by ones not based in London — because they are less expensive. Since going to court is an everyday part of the insurance claims process, insurance companies have been some way ahead of other commercial sectors in their concern about legal costs.

Nicholas Hughes, one of 50 partners at Barlow, Lyde & Gilbert, which gets 95 per cent of its work from the insurance markets, says: "This kind of work is steady. We do not get the ups and downs of other areas of commercial law."

Richard Harris, the assistant UK claims manager at Commercial Union, says: "It is difficult to put a number on it, but there is more litigation around, if only because law firms have been very successful at selling themselves to the public. But increased work in insurance, allied to a decline in other commercial areas, has led to more competition among law firms."

The competition is coming from some of the large, 100-partner-strong City firms. Mr Tissington says: "I had one of these leading firms come to see me and I had to point out that 15 years ago they had turned down my litigation work as not being profitable enough. Now they say, of course, that they are more flexible and that I should not be frightened off by their high hourly rates because they do the work quicker."

Mr Cantle says: "It amuses me to see the huge law practices now moving heaven and earth to attract insurance litigation business. Previously, they considered it of no interest."

There are signs, though, of a slowing down in the insurance law market, as the impact on fields such as the construction industry begin to bite. "Insurance tends by its very nature to lag behind other areas," Mr Taylor says, "and so we saw growth when others were already feeling the pinch. There were a lot of big professional indemnity claims in the 1980s. But insurers now have far fewer cases to hand out, perhaps half what they had before."

The case for co-operation

In recent years, plaintiffs' solicitors in the insurance field have been more closely grouped, drilled and co-ordinated than ever. Using organisations such as the Association of Personal Injuries Lawyers, they have been able to share resources and information, plan strategies and generally to link up to an extent never before known.

Such groups provide an effective lobby group with the collective ear of the various rules committees. Plaintiff litigation has become more innovative and the frontiers of what is compensatory are for ever being pushed back.

Traditionally, lawyers representing insurers have shown a reluctance to co-operate in this way, which has enabled plaintiffs to steal a march.

In October 1992, Henry Hentemann, an American attorney, came to London to promote the US organisation known as the International Association of Defence Counsel. Mr Hentemann argued vigorously that a co-ordinated body of defence lawyers was required in this area so that it could "effectively parry the pro-litigation propaganda of plaintiff lawyer action groups".

Mr Hentemann must have been unaware that a small caucus of defence lawyers had already met in Birmingham last July to form just such an association. Known as the Forum of Insurance Lawyers (Foil), it has already met.

Foil's broad aim is to provide a discussion place for lawyers whose practice is involved mostly in advising insurers on liability issues.

Defence lawyers acting as a "stand alone" unit face several difficulties. It is often overlooked that a particular problem may be a concern throughout the country.

Lawyers in different parts of Britain who are acting for other insurers on the same problem may have formulated and tried differing approaches and solutions with varying degrees of success. Co-ordinated plaintiffs may have successfully taken the initiative on that issue.

By encouraging an exchange of information between defendants' lawyers, Foil hopes that a more consolidated and uniform approach will be developed. In addition, it may be possible to anticipate litigation trends and to deal with them more efficiently — and earlier.

There will also be the prospect of other areas of discussion between such lawyers: practice management and development, aspects of information technology, networking, overseas affiliations and appraisal of new developments in the relevant fields of law.

The forum also aims to provide an effective base for lobbying, promotion and publicity. Foil further envisages that insurers will have a part to play: a closer liaison may mean that the legal services provided by the profession are more closely attuned to the industry's requirements.

A point of focus for insurance lawyers should not only help defendants and insurers but also plaintiffs smooth the passage of litigation generally. However, even if that cannot be established, Foil hopes that a better degree of co-ordination between insurance lawyers may in itself lead to more cost-effective litigation, which can only be good for the insurance industry, the premium payers and litigants.

Foil hopes that not only can the efforts of lawyers acting for insurers be more cost-effective, but also that with defence lawyers speaking with one voice, they are more likely to be heard.

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● Foil holds its inaugural annual general meeting recently at the offices of the Association of British Lawyers, 51 Gresham Street, London EC2. The author is a partner in the firm of A.E. Wyeth & Co., of London and Dartford, Kent, and the inaugural president of Foil.

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Before Mrs Justice Booth

[Reasons May 24]

A local authority that wished to obtain the court's authorisation for the use of blood products on a child, despite the parents' objections, should apply for a specific issue order under section 8 of the Children Act 1989.

Mrs Justice Booth so held in the Family Division when giving reserved reasons for granting the London Borough of Camden a specific issue order on May 21 allowing, in certain circumstances, blood products to be administered to the child, R, without the consent of her parents. The reasons was given in open court following a hearing in chambers.

Mrs Patricia Dangor for the local authority; Mr Richard Daniel for the parents.

MRS JUSTICE BOOTH said that the application, which was made by the local authority, was for an order which would enable a child to receive blood transfusions. Her parents, who were Jehovah's Witnesses, were not able to compromise their beliefs to give their consent to that treatment.

To obtain the court's authorisation for the use of blood products the local authority had applied for a specific issue order under section 8 of the Children Act 1989. By definition a specific issue order meant an order giving directions for the purpose of determining a specific question which had arisen, or which might arise, in connection with any aspect of parental responsibility for a child.

The parents had submitted that in a case of such gravity, where the court was asked to override the parents' wishes based upon their profound beliefs, the local authority should have instead applied to invoke the inherent jurisdiction of the High Court. In support of that submission they relied principally upon *dicta* of Mr Justice Johnson in *In re O (a Minor) (Medical Treatment) (The Times* March 19).

Section 100(3) of the 1989 Act provided that no application for any exercise of the court's inherent jurisdiction with respect to children could be made by a local authority unless the authority had obtained leave of the court.

But such leave could only be granted if the court was satisfied that the result which the authority wished to achieve could not be achieved through the making of any other order which the local authority was entitled to apply for and that there was reasonable cause to believe that if the court's inherent jurisdiction was not exercised the child was likely to suffer significant harm.

Without the use of blood products the evidence was that the child was likely to suffer harm, but the local authority submitted that since a specific issue order under section 8 could provide the remedy which the authority sought and was an order for which it was entitled to apply, the exercise of the court's inherent jurisdiction was not appropriate.

In *In re O* Mr Justice Johnson considered the legal framework most suited for such cases. In considering whether or not an application for a specific issue order was the right approach he was principally concerned as to whether or not an "issue" could be effectively "determined" on an *ex parte* application and accepted the joint submission of counsel before him that it could not.

Mr Justice Johnson had said that such applications should ordinarily be made under the inherent jurisdiction of the court but if made under the provisions of the 1989 Act should be transferred to the Family Division as a matter of urgency.

It was that *dictum* which founded the parents' submission that the order made should be in the exercise of the court's inherent jurisdiction and not by way of any order made under the 1989 Act.

Her Ladyship was in complete agreement with the essential premise of the conclusions reached by Mr Justice Johnson. Such issues were of the utmost gravity and were of particular anxiety since the decision of the court might run counter to the most profound and sincerely held beliefs of the parents.

For those reasons the most strenuous efforts should always be made to achieve an *inter partes* hearing. Such issues should also be determined wherever possible by a High Court judge and that was of particular importance in those exceptional circumstances where an application had to be made *ex parte* so that the parents could not be heard.

But, in her Ladyship's judgment, those prerequisites could be as well met by an application for a specific issue order under section 8 as by an application for the exercise of the court's inherent jurisdiction.

A section 8 application could, and in such circumstances undoubtedly should, be made to the High Court. When leave to make it was sought by a local authority, or other appropriate body or person, all necessary directions for a speedy hearing could be given.

Although there was yet no reported decision as to whether or not a specific issue order could be made *ex parte* her Ladyship should be very surprised if the words of the *statute* had to be interpreted so narrowly as to deny the court power to give such relief where it was otherwise justified and the circumstances compelled an *ex parte* hearing.

But if such an issue were to come before a judge of the Family Division who was constrained to find the court's jurisdiction to be so limited, the power to invoke the exercise of the inherent jurisdiction of the court would be immediately available and appropriate.

In the present case, her Ladyship was in no doubt that the application was well founded under section 8 of the Act.

The result which the local authority wished to achieve, namely the court's authorisation for the use of blood products, could clearly be achieved by the means of such an order.

There was no need for the court otherwise to intervene to safeguard the little girl so that her Ladyship was satisfied that it was unnecessary and inappropriate for the court to exercise its inherent jurisdiction.

Solicitors: Kingsley Napley; Ms Elizabeth Goldthorpe, Camden.

Admissibility of video tape evidence

Regina v Caldwell
Regina v Dixon

Before Lord Justice Simon Brown, Mr Justice Henry and Mr Justice Potts

[Judgment May 25]

Evidence of a video tape recording of a robbery and evidence from police officers, who had viewed the video in a police station, of the purported recognition of suspects, was *prima facie* admissible, subject to the discretion of the judge to exclude it.

However, it was desirable that procedures should be instituted for regulating video showings of incidents recorded by video cameras, where there already existed known suspects.

The Court of Appeal so stated in a reserved judgment when dismissing the appeals of Paul Caldwell and Terence Dixon against their convictions on February 11, 1992 in Warrington Crown Court (Judge Phillips and a jury) of robbery.

Mr Richard J. Pratt, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for Caldwell; Mr Michael Pickavance, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for Dixon; Mr Michael Farmer for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN, giving the judgment of the court, said that it was contended that evidence of the purported recognition by police officers of the appellants as the robbers of a general store and off-licence ought not to have been admitted, its prejudicial effect outweighing its probative value.

In their Lordships' view the trial judge had taken all the proper considerations into account and was entitled to admit the evidence.

Commenting upon such video-based recognition evidence their Lordships said that some analogy existed between showing videos and showing photographs, as indeed it did between video showing and identification parades. How close the analogy was would depend upon the circumstances.

Ordinarily, recognition evidence was quite different from identification evidence. Nevertheless some at least of the considerations underlying the safeguards built into the regulatory procedures laid down for identification parades and the showing of photographs came into play too with regard to the showing of video tapes.

Particularly in cases where the quality of the video was poor or the opportunity it provided for recognition was limited, when therefore the analogy with showing photographs and identification parades was closest, it would be desirable to regulate its showing so as to maximise the prospects of any recognition evidence being truly spontaneous and independent and minimise the risk of anything being said which might infect that independence and spontaneity and instead prompt the recognition of some particular person.

Such video recordings were becoming even more prevalent so that the sort of complaints that had been made in this case were likely to be raised increasingly in the future. It was surely therefore desirable that procedures should be instituted for regulating such showings where there already existed known suspects. Regulation would appear less necessary where a video was shown, whether to police officers or the wider public, with a view to finding a suspect in the first place.

Their Lordships would urge that some immediate thought be given to that matter at a high level. If such procedures were laid down it would at least save investigating in detail the evidence of the video showings to see whether in truth the independence of the recognition evidence was compromised.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Chester.

Buyer's risk of unknown easement

William Sindall plc v Cambridgeshire County Council

Before Lord Justice Russell, Lord Justice Evans and Lord Justice Hoffmann

[Judgment May 21]

A purchaser of land under the National Conditions of Sale (20th edition) was taking the risk of easements and encumbrances apart from those of which the vendor had knowledge or means of knowledge.

Condition 14 of the National Conditions was not an exclusion clause but a qualification of the vendor's obligation to convey as beneficial owner and to give vacant possession and did not therefore have to satisfy a test of reasonableness. A vendor who had made reasonable investigations was not liable in misrepresentation for a subsequently discovered defect in title. In such circumstances the terms of condition 14 left no room for rescission on the ground of mistake.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by Cambridgeshire County Council against a decision of Judge Roger Cooke, in the Mayor's and City of London Court on October 23, 1992 that William Sindall plc, the purchaser of land from the council, was entitled to rescind the sale because a sewer had been discovered under the land.

The court also observed, *obiter*, that damages in lieu of rescission under section 2(2) of the Misrepresentation Act 1967 could not include loss due to a general decline in market values subsequent to the sale. The proper measure of damages in lieu of rescission was the cost of remedying the defect or the reduced market value attributable to the defect.

Condition 14 of the National Conditions of Sale provides: "Without prejudice to the duty of vendor to disclose all latent easements and latent liabilities known to the vendor to affect the property, the property is sold subject to any rights of way and water, rights of common and other easements, quasi-easements, liabilities and public rights affecting the same."

Section 2 of the 1967 Act provides: "(2) Where a person has entered into a contract after a misrepresentation has been made to him otherwise than fraudulently, and he would be entitled, by reason of the misrepresentation, to rescind the contract, then, if it is claimed, in any proceedings arising out of the contract, that the contract ought to be or has been rescinded, the court ... may declare the contract subsisting and award damages in lieu of rescission, if of opinion that it would be equitable to do so, having regard to the nature of the misrepresentation and the loss that would be caused by it if the contract were upheld, as well as to the loss that rescission would cause to the other party."

Mr Terence Etherton, QC and Mr Steven Kovats for Cambridgeshire; Mr Jules Sher, QC and Mrs Reziya Harrison for William Sindall.

LORD JUSTICE HOFFMANN said the appeal arose out of a completed sale of part of the playing fields of a school in Cambridge which were subsequently discovered to be subject to an easement of drainage. William Sindall plc, a local builder, had bought the land for just over £5 million in 1988 at the height of the property boom, using borrowed money with the intention of constructing houses. Because of the collapse of property prices the land was by October 1990 worth less than half the purchase price.

It was then discovered that, unknown to any of the individuals concerned in the sale, a nine-inch foul sewer was buried under the land. Taking the view that the sewer could not be re-routed, Sindall rescinded the contract for misrepresentation and common mistake and claimed repayment of the purchase price.

In his Lordship's judgment, the sewer was a defect in title but not a serious practical problem. In selling subject to condition 14 of the National Conditions of Sale, the council was not warranting that it was fit for any particular purpose. It was undertaking to disclose all easements and encumbrances of which it had knowledge or means of knowledge.

But, subject to that exception, it required the purchaser to take the rise of encumbrances which might affect its ability to use the land. It was, his Lordship said, impossible to construe the contract as also exposing Cambridgeshire to liability for encumbrances of which it had no knowledge or means of knowledge.

His Lordship rejected a submission by Mr Sher that the airspace within the sewer pipe was a section of the land to which the council had acquired freehold title by adverse possession. To allow sewage to pass down the pipe was not an act of possession but an exercise of a right under an easement.

In answer to a pre-contractual enquiry as to whether the vendor was aware of any undisclosed easements affecting the land, Cambridgeshire had answered "Not so far as the vendor is aware". That was a representation not only that the council had no actual knowledge of a defect but also that it had made such investigations as could reasonably be expected to be made by or under the guidance of a prudent conveyancer.

His Lordship traced the history of the sewer, which was recorded in documents held by the Cambridge City planning department, but was not noted against the title deeds of the land. He rejected a submission that the vendor had impliedly represented that its record keeping was efficient. On the facts the council's record keeping was not inadequate and it had not been negligent. The claim based on misrepresentation would be rejected.

In the light of the conclusion that there were no grounds for rescission either for misrepresentation or mistake, it was unnecessary to consider whether the judge had correctly exercised his discretion under section 2(2) of the 1967 Act not to award damages in lieu of rescission.

However, his Lordship had come to the conclusion that the judge below had approached the question on a wrong basis because he had been mistaken about the seriousness of the defect.

The court, in exercising its discretion under section 2(2), had to take account of the nature of the misrepresentation, the loss it would cause if the contract were upheld and the loss that would be caused to Cambridgeshire by rescission.

The misrepresentation was a matter of minor importance, costing about £18,000 to put right, whereas Cambridgeshire would lose the bargain at the top of the market, having to return about £8 million in purchase price and interest in exchange for land worth less than £2 million. His Lordship would have exercised his discretion to award damages in lieu of rescission.

LORD JUSTICE EVANS said that in applying section 2(2) the court was exercising a statutory jurisdiction, having regard to the circumstances existing at the date of the hearing.

It was dangerous to lay down any hard and fast rule that no account could be taken of changed market values. But it would be substantially unjust to deprive the council of the bargain that it made in 1988, albeit that the bargain was induced by a misrepresentation innocently made, but which was of little importance in relation to the contract as whole.

Had there been a live issue under section 2(2) his Lordship would have awarded damages in lieu of rescission. Those damages should not include the decline in the market value of the land since the contract was made, despite the view expressed in *McGregor on Damages* (11th edition, para 1752) that the measure should be "the normal measure of damages in tort where the plaintiff has been induced to contract by fraudulent or negligent misrepresentation ..."

In his Lordship's judgment, the correct measure of damages under section 2(2) was the contract measure, that is, the difference between the actual value received and the value which the property would have had, if the representation were true. There was no justification for holding the author of the misrepresentation liable to compensate the plaintiff for a loss arising from reasons unconnected with the misrepresentation.

Lord Justice Russell agreed.

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard; Miller & Co, Cambridge.

Discretion to ignore spent convictions

Regina v O'Shea

A trial judge had a discretion to allow a defendant who had spent convictions to be put forward or treated as a person of good character, but there must be no question of the jury being misled and they must certainly not be told that he had no previous convictions.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Staughton, Mr Justice Popplewell and Mr Justice Laws) so stated on May 25 when dismissing the appeal of Joseph Stanley O'Shea against his conviction on January 24, 1992 at Kingston upon Thames Crown Court (Judge MacRae and a jury) of possessing cannabis resin with intent to supply.

MR JUSTICE LAWS said that the appellant had two previous convictions, long since spent, and his counsel submitted that he was entitled to present himself to the jury as a man of good character, without qualification. The question whether a person with spent convictions should be put forward to the jury as a man of good character, and if so in what terms, had engaged the courts before: see *R v Nye* ((1982) 75 Cr App R 247).

In such a situation the trial judge plainly had a discretion, and it was impossible to say that the judge in this case had exceeded the bounds of that discretion.

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24/5/93

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PARIS GALLERIES: **John Russell Taylor** on the Louvre's spectacular bicentenary show and Jean Pougny's centenary

The fulcrum that moved the world

If Paris has been the European city of visual arts par excellence over the past two centuries, the Louvre has clearly had a lot to do with it. Although the schools and academies might rage one against another and go off in radically different directions, the Louvre has been common ground for artistic revolutionaries and conformists alike. If the Louvre's own spectacular bicentennial exhibition, **Copier-Créer**, did nothing else, it would establish the centrality of the museum beyond all doubt.

For artists of promise and, often, of considerable fame, the most important function of the Louvre is as the best available reference source for the history of art. Ever since it opened in 1793 art students have been sent there to learn their craft by copying that of the masters. They have learnt by analysis and synthesis, deconstruction and reconstruction. Not only that, but established artists have frequently come back of their own accord to refresh themselves at the springs of art. This amazing show assembles more than 300 examples of artists copying, paying tribute to, varying, rearranging, selecting, even parodying their predecessors as represented at the Louvre.

Even when the works shown have been undertaken as some form of set task or academic exercise, the results are seldom lacking in interest. Certain paintings seem to have attracted the attention of a host of wildly varied artists. The *Mona Lisa* is the most obvious example: here we have everything from meticulously detailed copies to wilful desecrations, from reverence to rape, taking in artists as diverse as Degas and Duchamp, Magritte and Warhol, Léger and Rauschenberg.

But in a way, the myriad transformations of the Leonardo are too well-known. Much more intriguing are the uses to which 19th-century artists put pictures such as Delacroix's *La Barque de Dante*, where the differences of personality and outlook among, say, Manet, Cézanne and Feuerbach come out very clearly, even when they are all patently doing their best to see with Delacroix's eyes.

Near by we encounter weirder, possibly rather backhanded tributes to other Delacroix pictures from the likes of Matisse, Edvard Weie, the idiosyncratic Danish modernist, De Chirico and Guttuso, while in the room before we see Delacroix himself paying his tribute to Rubens and Titian.

The names of Feuerbach, Weie and Guttuso are a reminder that the Louvre was not a magnet only to the French. There is a whole succession of British painters who came to study, from Turner and Etty to Bacon and Freud. The Bacon *Oedipus and the Sphinx after Ingres* is perhaps the most striking example of how a major work of the 19th century has inspired a totally dissimilar yet equally great work of the 20th. Interestingly, the organisers decided not to bring the original works into close visual contact with variations such as this. All the works used as inspiration can be sought out elsewhere in the museum, but in this show they are represented only by a small black-and-white aide-memoire on the label.

> As it enters its third century the Louvre is still as vital a force in contemporary art as it has ever been

One remarkable thing the show does is to highlight the peculiar greatness of Degas. The section devoted to Degas as a copyist comes up again and again with works of wonderful individuality and power that may indeed have found their starting point in some Old Master source, but then have taken off in their own direction. Look, for instance, at the tiny and fairly abstracted landscape that Degas produced around 1860 from a background detail in a Veronese painting of pilgrims on the road to Emmaus. Besides this even the amazing feat of Fantin-Latour, telescoping the whole vast composition of Veronese's now recently restored *Marriage Feast at Cana* into a tiny compass, pales into insignificance.

Great names there are aplenty, among the copyists as well as the copied. But the show's ability to surprise demonstrates that as it enters its third century the Louvre is still as vital a force in contemporary art as it has ever been.

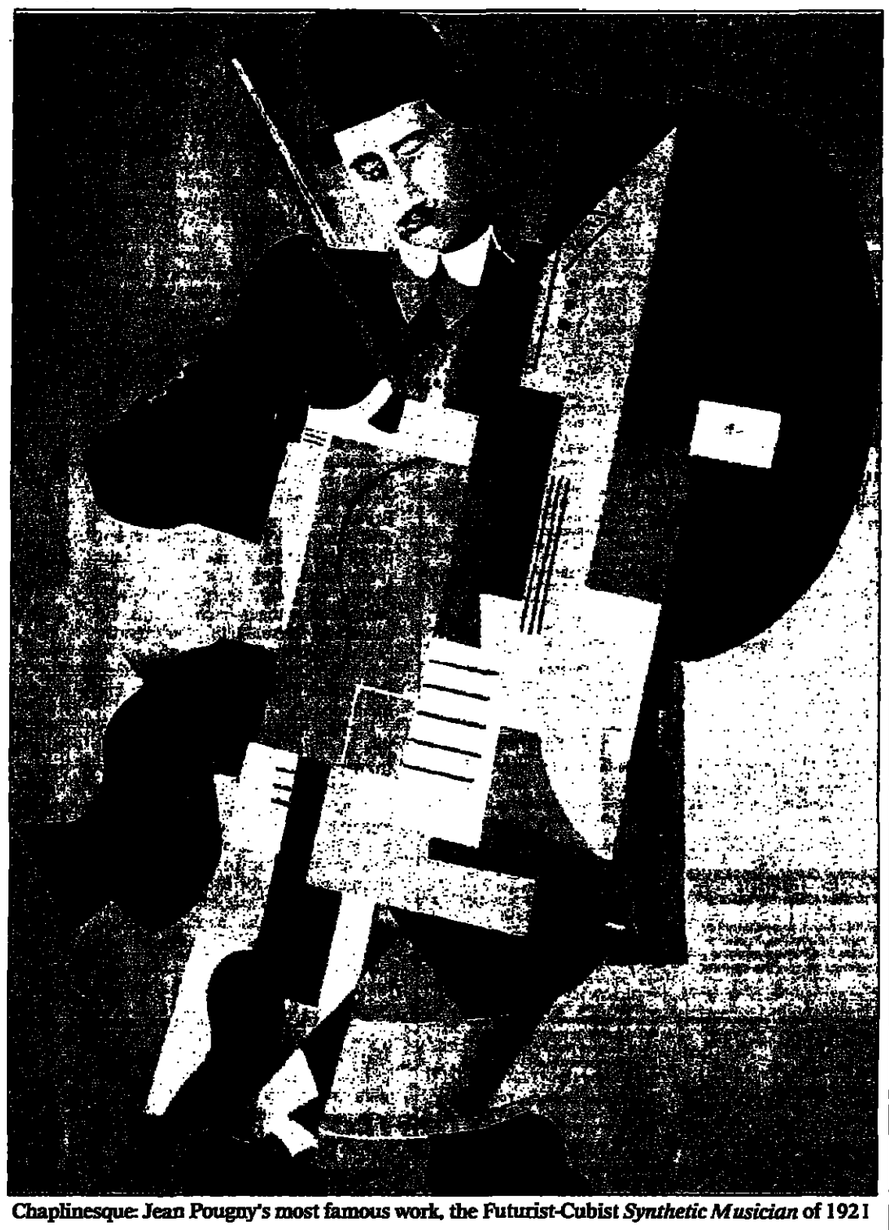
The other big new show for the Paris summer is also a voyage of discovery, and also marks (although a few months late) a centennial. **Jean Pougny** (or Iwan Puni as he is known in Germany) was born in 1892, and is one of those artists who falls awkwardly between countries, so that no single national school feels able to take sole credit for his triumphs or is willing, if necessary, to shoulder the responsibility for his disasters. In a way, the large retrospective at the Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris stakes a clear claim to him on behalf of France, showing his post-second world war works en masse and to particular advantage. These, indeed, do belong unmistakably to the Ecole de Paris: their elegance and grace seem peculiarly French, and their way of making over reality into almost abstract patterns recalls Vuillard more than anyone else.

What is not clear from this show is precisely how Puni became Pougny. There is a curious hiatus between 1924 and 1944, even though we know from the chronology that he went on painting and exhibiting continuously from 1924, when he transplanted himself from Berlin to Paris, until his death in 1956. On the other hand, his earlier migrations are faithfully recorded, and it may well be true that his earlier works are the most worthy of revived interest. They have been reappearing piecemeal in the spate of shows on various aspects of Revolutionary modernism in Russia — which is only to be expected since, in 1912-13, when he was just 20, he was a key exhibitor in the St Petersburg Union of Youth shows along with Malevich, Tatlin and Larionov, and he continued to be closely associated with Malevich until he left Russia for Berlin in 1920.

In such shows, however, he has never emerged as a distinctive figure. This retrospective impressively establishes continuities and brings him into focus as an individual. His early "pictorial sculptures" (which are actually painted assemblages) are among the most remarkable productions of the first Russian avant-garde, and his paintings progress with some bravura from proto-Pop, making a lot of play with lettering, to the extraordinary Futurist-Cubist fusion represented by his most famous painting, *The Synthetic Musician* of 1921.

It would be interesting to know exactly what happened to Pougny's art during the show's 20-year gap, although the two paintings from about 1930 which do slip in suggest he was probably working through his own personal recall-to-order in a grimly dutiful way before relaxing into the enchantments of his final years.

Since one painter like Derain is surely enough for anybody, the show's organisers are probably wise to elide at this point. What we are left with gives us two virtually unrelated painters, each skilful, inventive, delightful in his own way. One could hardly ask for more.



Chaplinesque: Jean Pougny's most famous work, the Futurist-Cubist *Synthetic Musician* of 1921

PARIS CHOICE

● **FRANÇOIS-RUPERT CARABIN:** Carabin was the Symbolist sculptor who anticipated Allan Jones in using carvings of contorted nude women as supports for unlikely pieces of furniture. From this exhibition, the most extensive dossier show at the Musée d'Orsay for some time, it emerges that he also made a lot of able, if not particularly remarkable, small bronzes, and took a lot of photographs of his nude models, often bizarre and sometimes on the verge of pornography.
Musée d'Orsay, 1 rue Bellechasse (010 331 40494848) Tues-Sat 10am-6pm (Thurs to 9.45pm). Sun 9am-6pm, until July 11.

● **VIOLLET-LE-DUC ET LA MONTAGNE:** During his life as an architect, designer and prolific author of books on art and design history, Viollet-le-Duc produced an enormous number of drawings. He also made drawings and watercolours for his own pleasure, to record things seen on voyage and so on. Sometimes they closely resemble Ruskin's drawings; all are a delight.
Hotel de Sully, 62 rue St-Antoine (010 331 44612000) Tues-Sun 11am-9pm, until July 11.

● **MARSEILLE AU XIXme SIECLE:** Marseilles in the 19th century was the most bustling, booming place in France outside Paris. The developments were often very functional, but there were also self-advertising architectural splendours, monuments and murals in official buildings, and even a rapidly burgeoning school of local easel painting. This exhibition gives a panoramic picture of Marseilles trade and, even more, Marseilles culture.
Musée National de Monuments Français, 1 place du Trocadéro (010 331 44053910) Wed-Mon 10.30am-7pm (Wed to 9pm) until July 5.

● **TOROS Y TOREROS:** Various aspects of bull fighting constantly recur in the work of Picasso. The standard of the paintings, drawings, prints, sculptures and ceramics on show here is uniformly high, bearing strong testimony to Picasso's almost superhuman fertility of invention.
Musée Picasso, Hotel Salé, 5 rue de Thorigny (010 331 42712521) Mon, Wed-Sat noon-6pm, Sun 9.30am-6pm, until June 28.

TELEVISION

It's the way La Plante tells them

Just a few years ago who would have dreamt that television's leading tough-guy playwright, its bard of the locker-room, would be a woman? But that is what Lynda La Plante has become, to the consternation of the prejudiced and the great gain of the drama. Give her some sweaty male world to explore, and she is as sure-footed as Jane Austen ever was in the pump-room in Bath. She wrote about Scotland Yard in *Prime Suspect*, boxing and boxers in *Seconds Out*, former paratroopers in *Civvies*; and with a mix of sympathy and detachment, relish and cynicism it is hard to imagine any man copying.

For the past two nights she has been casting a wry eye over two other, mostly male, subworlds, the London mafia and the alternative comedy circuit; but with more uneven success. At times, **Comics** (Channel 4) had a sketchy, unfinished feel. Had La Plante bitten off more than even her creative teeth could chew and her talent digest? That is a commendable fault as faults go; but it would explain why the play's two main parts failed to gel.

One involved a Soho shooting witnessed by a stand-up comic, Johnny Lazar, just arrived from New York in homes

clearly took glee in confronting this visitor with a London that made his home city look clean and gentle by comparison. But she did not handle the ensuing plot, in which he became the gangsters' target, as interestingly or expertly. The Sicilian *supremo* (Stephen Greif) who gently kissed his children goodnight, then told a heavy to "tidy things up or we're both dead", owed more to B-movies than to La Plante's ears and eyes. Nor was it easy to believe in a hitman who went about his business quite as ineptly as Terry O'Neill's grim and scowling Moreno. And if you were going to hide money or plant a gun, wouldn't you pick a less hackneyed place than a lavatory cistern?

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La Plante's other subject was the psychopathology of Lazar himself. He first appeared as a boy, watching his hippy mother drown herself and his sister in the sea, and was last seen re-encountering her in a bizarre apotheosis on a mountain beside a Scots loch.

In between we watched him saying embarrassing things on the Michael Aspel show, raging and railing from behind the mike, upsetting his self-serving agent, and making friends with the man the mafiosi were trying to frame for murder. But Tim Guinee



This one'll kill me: Tim Guinee as the hunted and haunted Johnny Lazar in *Comics*

though he showed himself to be — could not do much with the stagy self-revelations ("Everybody who loves me goes away") La Plante had dumped on him. Nor could Diarmuid Lawrence's skills as director lessen the absurdity of an ending which left Lazar riding a motorbike to self-destruction in what he insisted on calling "the lake of dreams".

La Plante may be a bit of an amateur when it comes to putting characters on the psychiatrist's couch, but in most other ways her professionalism was not in doubt. She constructed strong roles for Danny Webb, the slimy agent, and Lennie James, who somehow contrived to be both innocent and sly as the dreadlocked crook Lazar befriends. And then there was that comedy-club subculture, all smoke, sneers and mean, knowing laughter: quintessential La Plante territory, confidently trod.

BATH FESTIVAL: Rare Schumann

Dying gracefully

THE Abbey on a summer evening is a powerful attraction in itself, of course, as are **Matthias Bamert** and the **London Mozart Players**. So it would probably be misleading to applaud the Bath Festival audience for buying just about every available ticket for a concert including a work known to be a failure.

Schumann's Requiem, written not long after he had finished a similarly unlikely Mass, is by no means a failure. But it is a modest work, comparatively short, with nothing of the theatrical dimension associated with the Verdi Requiem. The "Dies irae" is disturbing rather than shattering, the "Tuba mirum" a two-note motif rather than a fanfare and, though there is a "Recordare" for the soprano (Nancy Argenta on this occasion) and a melodious "Qui Mariam absolvisti" for the mezzo (Jean Rigby). But, within its own scale and expressive context, it does develop a powerfully dramatic element, beginning with an effectively intrusive "Confutatis maledictis" and culminating in a splendid "Sanctus".

Bamert attempted to exaggerate neither its effects nor its dimensions. Achieving a performance of commendable clarity in a difficult (though appropriate) acoustic, with the well-prepared Bath Festival Chorus always in balance with the orchestra, he secured from the work the message it was intended to give: consoling rather than awe-inspiring.

MUSIC: Goodbye to vinyl, welcome to the new soul rebels

Revelations per minute

NOW that the digital age is upon us, telling somebody that they sound like a cracked record is no longer a viable insult. How shall we replace it? "You sound like a looping CD," hardly packs the same punch.

The official world premiere of *Vinyl Requiem*, staged in the ecclesiastical atmosphere of the Union Chapel, was an elegiac 80-minute celebration of cracked, scatched, scuffed records and their seemingly passing era.

After complaining for so long about surface noise, how many of us felt nostalgia and guilt on hearing the sounds of so many styli ploughing their irregular courses through this impressive performance piece?

Devised by sound artist Philip Jeck with visual projections by Lol Sargent, the work was centred upon a high wall of Dansette-style record players which dominated the front of the chapel and formed a screen for Sargent's images.

Painted white, lids open, the players were operated by three functionaries who scurried back and forth on their respective platforms. Hundreds of discs were customised, either by scoring with a scalpel or fixing a sticker to the surface. This meant that each record played repeated fragments with the work divided, seemingly, into orchestral sections, piano, spoken word and similar categories.

Heard en masse, slurred and overlapping soundbites of Vaughan Williams, augmented by the snap, crackle and pop of distressed plastic, conveyed a mood of terrible tragedy. Engaging though the visuals were, they seemed too literal to mesh fully with the dream-like romanticism emerging from this complex, shifting texture.

After a hectic section for brief solo. Sitting within a small ring of ancient record players set out in front of the white wall, he created a similar mood of poignancy. Perhaps sadness is intrinsic to the medium.

Inevitably, the piece built to a climax of heterophonic strings, reminiscent of the crescendo to "A Day In The Life" by the Beatles. So this is how vinyl ends, not with a whimper but a bang. Sensibly, Jeck's operatives put another record on the gramophone.

DAVID TOOP

Vinyl Requiem
Union Chapel, Islington

Jamiroquai
Brixton Academy

THE applause was so enthusiastic when Jamiroquai took the stage at half-past midnight that it prompted singer Jason Kay to plead: "Stop it, you're freaking me out." The group's ten-month rise from anonymity to unwieldy household name was obviously taking its toll, but they rose to the occasion confidently. The ambience at Brixton Academy was one of stylish affluence and studied cool. Not for these mature clubbers the indiscriminate bug-eyed fruggings of the Ecstasy-revved raver: they had come to hear classy soul music and polished jazz funk.

Disciplined musicianship — slowly coming back into vogue, it would seem — is of paramount importance to Jamiroquai and something that was occasionally difficult to maintain when at one point

Stewart Zen's tastefully understated bass locked in tightly with Nick van Geldar's taut drumming and Maurizio's eloquent percussion. The brass section issued precision-timed blasts and three violins soared gently beneath the guitar and keyboard's funky riffing.

Even when a didgeridoo was produced it was played (by Wallis Buchanan) with a passion that would have shamed Rolf Harris.

But Jason was the vocal and focal principal of the band. His agile voice, which has been widely and lazily compared to Stevie Wonder's, was given a thorough limbering-up during the infectiously scatty "We're Too Young to Die" and used to full effect later on the compelling "If I Like It I Do It".

His between-song banter, delivered in the de rigueur clubspeak cocktail of cockney and Jamaican patois was unaffectedly matey (when introducing the slow-burning instrumental "Music of the Mind" he said: "I know that sounds like a Stevie tune but ... well, we nicked it off him") and he even saw fit to remove momentarily his trademark hat to quell the burgeoning rumour that he is bald beneath it.

The most arresting aspect of Kay's performance, however, was his dancing. Light years away from the over-choreographed cavortings of his singles chart contemporaries, he moved with mesmeric grace and fluidity, his body responding intuitively to every musical nuance.

They have proved that they can undoubtedly do it live, and their debut album *Emergency on Planet Earth* is out next week. One suspects that Jamiroquai's breezily soulful sound will become a pleasantly familiar one this summer.

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

LONDON

INQUEST OF LOVE: Jonathan Harvey's bold, new commission for English National Opera combines electronics with conventional instrumental and vocal sounds to spellbinding effect. The story is of three souls trying to discover through the past a lasting peace, and draws on the writings of people who have had "near-death" experiences, as well as on Buddhist influences. The cast includes Linda McLeod, Peter Coleman-Wright, Helen Field, Ethna Robinson, Richard Van Allan. Mark Elder conducts.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161), tonight, Fri, 7.30pm.

225TH SUMMER EXHIBITION: In the last couple of years there has been a more comfortable integration of abstract with representational, the more dreadful sculpture has been replaced with livelier, if still fairly traditionalist works, and the whole enterprise seems to have taken on a new lease of life. Sponsored by Guinness.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438). Daily, 10am-6pm, until August 15.

HARRY CONNICK JR. For these big venue concerts, a lush 17-piece orchestra will be beefing up the performance of the laconic crooner and pianist.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (071-589 8212), tonight, tomorrow, 8pm.

A DAY IN THE DEATH OF JOE EGG. Peter Nichols updates his famous first success to the present day, with Clive Owen and Elizabeth Garvie in the leads.
King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916). Opens tonight, 7.30pm; then Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, Sun, 3.30pm.

ACADEMY OF ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS CHAMBER ENSEMBLE. Kenneth Sillito directs the players in Schumann's Piano Quintet in E flat and Schubert's Octet in F.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.45pm.

REGIONAL

BIRMINGHAM: Stuttgart Ballet, which has not been seen in Britain for a decade, is returning to this country thanks to Birmingham Royal Ballet. The German company is the BRB's guest during its summer season. A MacMillan double-bill includes *Song of the Earth*, set to Mahler, and *Requiem*, set to Fauré.
Hippodrome, Hurst Street (021-622 7486), tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm.

BRISTOL: Welsh National Opera does its bit for the Tchaikovsky centenary celebrations with a new production of *Eugene Onegin*, produced by Howard Davies and conducted by Carlo Rizzi (tonight, Fri). The touring repertoire also includes a new staging of Donizetti's rarely staged *La favorita*, one of the most popular of the composer's operas in the 19th century (Thurs), and the perennial favourite *La Bohème* (tomorrow, Sat).
Hippodrome, Hurst Street (021-622 7486), eves, 7.15pm.

GLASGOW: Ben Stevenson's version of Prokofiev's Shakespeare tale, *Romeo and Juliet*, is performed by **London City Ballet**.
King's Theatre, Bath Street, Glasgow (041-227 5511). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, 2pm and Sat, 3pm.

MANCHESTER: Following the American tour with Guns N' Roses, the Queen guitarist **Brian May** goes solo with an eight-date tour. He will be performing songs from throughout his career and the album *Back to the Light*.
Apollo Theatre, Ardwick Green (061-236 9922), 7.30pm.

MOLD: Mike Alfreds directs Susie Blake and a large cast in Feydeau's excellent **A Flea in her Ear**, climaxing in a hotel room with a revolving bed.
Theatre Clwyd, County Civic Centre (0352 755114). Opens tonight, 7.30pm; then Tues-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Sats (from June 19), 3pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS**: Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in L.A. and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

◪ **CRAZY FOR YOU.** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*. Exceptional entertainment value.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC.** Robert Lindsay as the nasally challenged hero, final performances.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 170mins.

□ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA.** Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

◪ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON.** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

□ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND.** Anna Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Nicky Henson in Wilde's "insider dealing" melodrama. Final performances.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mins.

◪ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST.** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

□ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS.** Stephen Daldry's thrilling Expressionist production of Priestley's soul-searcher.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat Wed, 2pm. 115mins.

□ **THE INVISIBLE MAN.** A rather plodding adaptation becomes breathtaking when the magic tricks take over the action.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◪ **JUNO AND THE PAYCOCK.** Sound and steady production from the Gate Theatre, Dublin. Anita Reeves is an admirable Juno at war with unusually horrid menfolk.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

□ **THE LAST YANKEE.** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere. Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of troubled Americans.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins.

□ **LEONARDO:** The young master's supposed love for Lisa turned into a musical, great sets but daft story.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, 3pm and Sat, 4.30pm. 165mins.

□ **ON THE PISTE:** John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

□ **THE SHOWMAN:** Alan Bates is clever and funny as Thomas Bernhard's self-obsessed actor but the play does not mount to much.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Fri, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

■ **SWEENEY TODD:** Declan Donnellan's superb staging of Sondheim's subtle, savage musical. Alun Armstrong and Julia McKenzie play the leads.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2pm and 7.30pm. 180mins.

LONG RUNNERS: □ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) . □ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) . □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) . □ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) . ◪ **It Runs in the Family**: Playhouse (071-839 4401) . ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) . ◪ **Kiss of the Spider Woman**: Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) . ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) . ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . □ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) . . . □ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **FALLING DOWN** (18): White-collar American (Michael Douglas) goes on the rampage. Controversial drama that imitates society's sores to no good purpose. Robert Duvall, Barbara Hershey; director, Joel Schumacher.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

FRAUDS (15): Insurance man Phil Collins plays devilish games with a suburban couple. Wearisome, over-designed Australian fantasy; a first film by Stephan Elliott.
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574).

JAMON, JAMON (18): Juvenile sexual frolic with unfulfilled pretensions from Catalan director Bigas Luna.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

MAP OF THE HUMAN HEART (15): A love triangle jumps across years, continents and cultures. Visually bracing but muddled drama from cinematic explorer Vincent Ward. With Jason Scott Lee, Patrick Bergin, Anne Parillaud.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

WIDE SARGASSO SEA (18): Sex and voodoo in the 19th century Caribbean. Overstuffed exotic romp from Jean Rhys's novel; John Duigan directs Karina Lombard and Nathaniel Parker.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

CURRENT

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet. With Daniel Auteuil, Emmanuelle Béart, André Dussollier.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

◆ **COP AND A HALF** (PG): Pipsqueak kid joins Florida detective Burt Reynolds on a case. Inane action comedy, directed by Henry Winkler.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **INDECENT PROPOSAL** (15): Sex, greed and Robert Redford: a potent mixture, though Adrian Lyne's film gets sillier scene by scene. With Demi Moore, Woody Harrelson.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **JACK THE BEAR** (12): Danny DeVito has single-parent problems. Ugly-looking, overloaded comedy-drama with agreeable child performers. Marshall Herskovitz directs.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683)

MADAME BOVARY (PG): Claude Chabrol adapts Flaubert; annoyingly dull, despite Isabelle Huppert as the bored provincial wife.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

◆ **PASSENGER 57** (15): A psychotic terrorist hijacks a plane; breezy revival of the *Airport* format, with Bruce Payne. Director, Kevin Hooks.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

An ideas factory for theatre

Matt Wolf reports on the National Theatre Studio which, despite being a powerhouse of theatrical innovation, is largely unknown

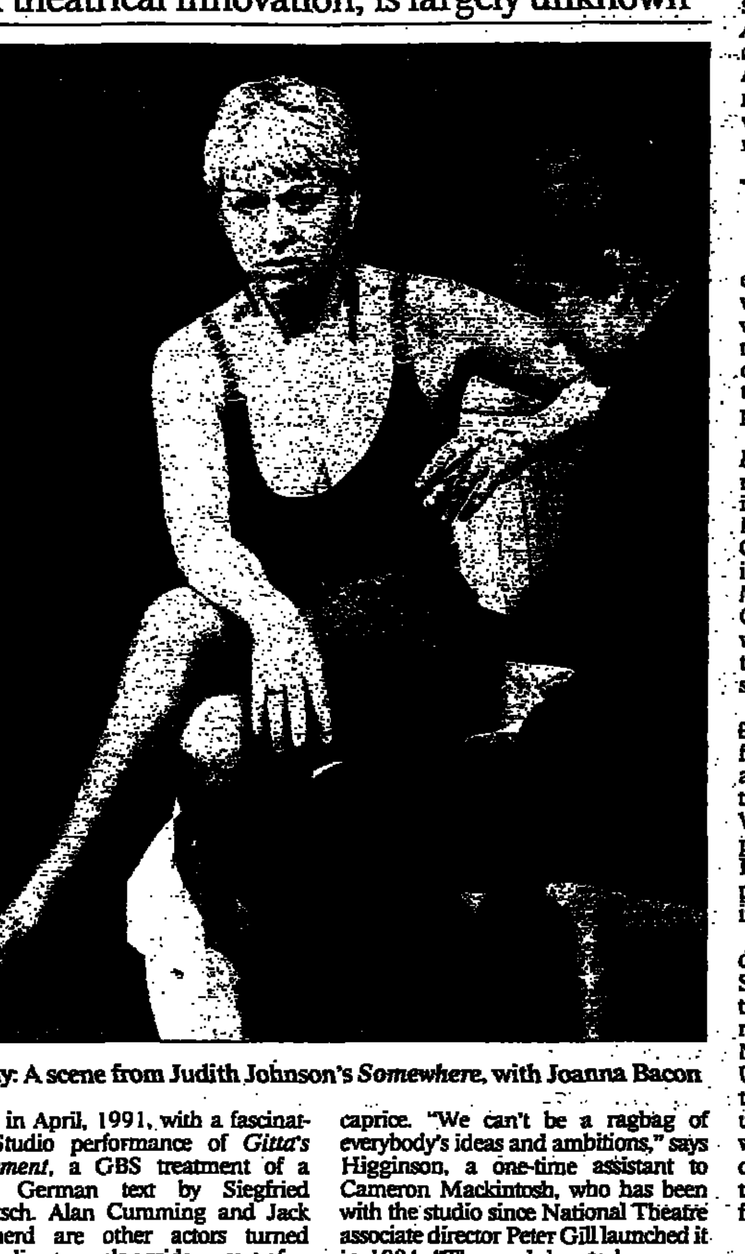
The National Theatre Studio, by the Old Vic in London, is an ingenious paradox indeed, having emerged in recent years as both the most — and least — visible producing force within the British subsidised theatre. For several seasons running, studio-spawned works have earned Olivier Award nominations, from Tony Harrison's satyr play, *The Trackers Of Oxyrhyncus*, and the Ian McKellen/Antony Sher *Uncle Vanya*, through to Ariel Dorfman's international success, *Death and the Maiden*, and this past season's *The Street of Crocodiles* from the Théâtre de Complicité company.

The recent "Springboards" series brought to the Cottesloe some exceedingly lively new writing — the first act of Judith Johnson's *Somewhere*, in particular — and an outstanding clinker in Tim Supple's ersatz Peter Brook exercise, *He Who Saw Everything*. Still, the studio has always insisted on its right to fail, and Supple is the first to note that his Gilgamesh adaptation is a play in progress.

Meanwhile, the studio's output expands ever further, with co-productions at the Royal Court (*The Terrible Voice of Satan*) and the Bush (*Backstroke in a Crowded Pool*) in London as well as at the Birmingham Rep Studio (*Syme*). According to National associate director Nicholas Wright, a long-standing studio participant and champion, the studio's function as co-producer also helped the Salisbury Playhouse secure the rights to Sam Shepard's new play, *States of Shock*, persuading wary agents that the staging would be a major one.

Alongside projects unveiled to the public exist workshops and masterclasses incorporating newcomers to the British theatre (Russia's Oleg Tabakov and America's Tony Kushner among them) and veterans alike. Here, theatre professionals study verse with Michael Bryant or song interpretation with composer/arranger Jeremy Sams. Occasionally, the studio takes its expertise on the road, transporting 16 people to Vilnius in Lithuania for a cross-cultural immersion in theatrical technique and methodology.

Various experimental productions flex the participants' muscles away from public and critical pressures. A full year before the 17th-century rarity *A Jovial Crew* turned up at the Royal Shakespeare Company, a separate Chris Barton production at the studio was assaying the merits of Richard Brome's text. Actor Brian Cox turned director on *The Philanderer* at Hampstead 18 months back, but Cox's Shavian affinities had already been tested in April, 1991, with a fascinating Studio performance of *Gitta's Atonement*, a GBS treatment of a 1920 German text by Siegfried Trebitsch. Alan Cumming and Jack Shepherd are other actors turned studio directors, alongside — sort of — Fiona Shaw, who has been using studio space to rehearse a forthcoming Galway staging of *Hamlet*.



Lively: A scene from Judith Johnson's *Somewhere*, with Joanna Bacon

If this activity makes the Studio sound like a theatrical catch-all, Sue Higginson, its head for the past three years, makes clear that the building, leased rent-free from Old Vic owner Ed Mirvish, is not about indulging artistic caprice. "We can't be a ragbag of everybody's ideas and ambitions," says Higginson, a one-time assistant to Cameron Mackintosh, who has been with the studio since National Theatre associate director Peter Gill launched it in 1984. "The work has to be woven into some tapestry."

The result means saying no to scripts too far along in the creative process to need the studio: Jim Cartwright's award-winning *The Rise and Fall of Little Voice* and Simon Donald's forthcoming Donmar Warehouse entry, *The Life of Stuff*, for example. Elsewhere, it means limiting an artist's occupancy of the building. Martha Clarke, the American deviser of such performance pieces as *The Garden of Earthly Delights* and *Vienna: Lusthaus*, was allowed three studio stints to forge a theatre piece out of *Alice In Wonderland* with her new collaborator, Christopher Hampton. After that, Higginson said, the project must move on elsewhere, as indeed it will: to the Cottesloe late in 1994, marking Clarke's London debut.

While studio productions reserve the right to remain private, Richard Eyre applauds increased exposure for the work outside studio walls. "It completes a necessary cycle which ought, where possible, to include the public," says the National's artistic director, who regularly uses the studio to test the viability of main stage programming.

Alan Bleasdale's current *On The Ledge* received an important one-off reading last July, with Julie Walters intriguingly cast as the female lead. Mal. A further example is William Gaskill's forthcoming Cottesloe staging of Pirandello's unfinished *The Mountain Giants*, in a new version by Charles Wood. "It's such a massive work, we needed a way to see if it made theatrical sense on a smaller scale," says Eyre. Does it? "Yes."

With an annual operating budget of £350,000, studio expenditure is carefully but not meanly controlled: the actors' weekly salary of £210 exceeds the current pay rate at both the Young Vic and the Almeida even as co-productions allow a play's cost, says Higginson, "to drop off the end of my pocket calculator the moment it moves into the theatre for technicals".

Beyond sponsoring writers-in-residence — short story writer Helen Simpson (*Four Bare Legs In A Bed*) is the current one — the studio hosts resident directors, most recently Lloyd Newson of the DV8 dance troupe. Under Higginson's tenure, Eyre says the studio is "more eclectic" than it was under Gill, whose own career as a writer/director bred an aesthetic agenda (Gill's own plays high among them) that Higginson — an administrator first and last — need not worry about.

"We have no axes to grind, and we're not trying to fill a theatre," Higginson says. "We're just here in the service of the artist, and jolly nice it is, too. I think I've got the best job in the British theatre. . . But don't tell anybody."

● *Backstroke in a Crowded Pool* opens at the Bush on June 16; *States of Shock* opens at the Salisbury Playhouse on June 16; *The Terrible Voice of Satan* opens at the Royal Court Theatre Upstairs on July 1.

STUDENT OPERA: Ian Brunskill on an attempt to give a popular operetta a harder edge

Bat refuses to bite

Die Fledermaus
Guildhall School of Music and Drama

JOHANN Strauss's best and most popular operetta may epitomise the glittering gaiety of 19th-century Viennese life, but Stephen Medcalf's production for the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, by the Barbican Centre, aimed to scratch its polished surface and show the darker reality beneath. In the hedonistic rhythms of the waltz and the polka, a decadent society sought refuge from itself. There were beggars outside the ballroom windows of Chris Dyer's versatile scaffolding set.

The approach, its assumptions spelt out between the scuffed and tarnished gold covers of a thoughtful programme book, may not be original, but it makes a welcome change from allowing the work to be hijacked by superannuated celebrities anxious to let down their hair. Nevertheless, while *Die Fledermaus* may have something to say about sexual hypocrisy, and even, although more obliquely, about class, Strauss is not to be equated with Schnitzler. It needs more than an anachronistic headline on Frank's newspaper in Act III ("Archduke killed in Sarajevo") to turn this cynical comedy into a critical picture of a society hurtling blindly towards destruction.

Despite the praiseworthy attempt to fix the action in a particular time and place, this production was at its most successful when dealing with generalised human comedy and the farcical confusions of mistaken identity. The Act I finale, in particular, was quite splendidly done, with Jennifer Akhurst's assured Rosalinde, Jeffrey Stewart's precious Alfred and Simon Thorpe's stolid Frank all piling misunderstanding on misunderstanding, to hilarious effect.

Orlofsky's party, in contrast, which offers the greatest opportunities for sharper social satire, seemed terribly innocent and, except for some lively dancing by students of the London Contemporary Dance School, rather dull. It was no wonder that Orlofsky (Tamsin Dalley — a performance of swaggering charm, but lacking in vocal authority) was bored with life. As the brunt of the planned entertainment, Peter Bording caricatured Eisenstein with vivid, unctuous confidence; as its instigator, Nathan Berg hinted at sinister depths in the character of Dr Falke.

The chorus of guests, whose wickedness seemed to stop at eating chocolates, were unconvincing debauchees, but they sang with an intelligence and conviction matched only by Liza Pulman's spirited, pert Adele. Clive Timms drew robust playing from the student forces.

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THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** reviews Goldoni in Stratford; plus **Jeremy Kingston** at Chichester

Not the time to send in the clowns

The Venetian Twins
Swan, Stratford

When the English wish to pay their respects to Goldoni, they usually turn to his *Servant of Two Masters*, which he wrote in 1747, about the time he abandoned the law to become a professional playwright. But *The Venetian Twins*, which appeared a year later, was far more important to his campaign to replace the moribund buffoonery of the *commedia dell'arte* with literate and realistic fun. Nobody would claim huge subtlety for it today; but Ranjit Bolt, who is responsible for the larky translation used at the Swan, is not wholly off-beam when he writes in the programme notes of complex emotions and satiric bite, "psychological insight and social comment".

Yet his earnest words have fallen on at least one pair of deaf ears, those sprouting from the head of his director, Michael Bogdanov. For him, the play seems primarily to be an opportunity to hand the work back to the clowns of the *commedia*, or at least to their British descendants. It is a broad, raucous, extravagant production that he and the Royal Shakespeare Company give us, most itself when one actor gives an umbrella to what appears to be a member of the audience, another runs his sword through it, and the action stops while the bloodied "spectator" is brought onstage and surrounded by frantic front-of-house staff, ambulance men, police officers and even, I think, performers from the *King Lear* playing at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre next door.

What is the point of the interruption? None, except gratuitously to ginger up a piece that Bogdanov has little excuse for not trusting more. The play is in the line of Plautus's *Menaechmi* and Shakespeare's *Comedy of Errors*, a lively portrait of the misunderstandings that occur when long-estranged twins converge on the same town. Since one of Goldoni's brothers is a bashful provincial who hopes to wed a local doctor's daughter, and the other a confident, carefree Venetian in search of a runaway fiancée, it is no surprise that cheeks are soon echoing from slaps, duels being threatened, money going astray, and confusion spiralling into chaos.

David Troughton brings plenty of energy and invention to both twins, his long, hatchet-face clenched and bristling as Tonino swanks about the stage emitting macho noises and high-minded sentiments, then crumpling in dopey dismay as a north-country Zanetto mourns being "drawn to women like soapy water going down a plughole". His is a bravura performance, funny whether he is indignantly mistaking the doctor for a pimp who has put his daughter on the game, or blinking haplessly while (one of Bogdanov's many addenda, this) affronted ladies hurl lettuce, eggs, spaghetti and flower-pots at him. Yet the feeling persists that there is more humanity to be found in a play which, as it happens, ends with the deaths both of Zanetto and of the Tartuffian villain who has poisoned him. Here, these events are quite out of place, like pimples on one of those shiny Comic Relief noses.

Jenny Quayle, Sarah Woodward, indeed all involved seem understretched. Still, I should record that this did not appear to bother most of the audience, which kept chortling away at everything: the embarrassment of those of its members unlucky enough to be teased and twitted by the cast; the corruption of a police chief who, J. Edgar Hoover-like, seemed to want to dress up in the stolen jewellery he had recovered; the jokey and sometimes abstruse references to Norman Lamont, homelessness and NHS cuts in Stratford-upon-Avon itself. Clearly there is a market for *commedia* in the Britain of 1993. But is there one for Goldoni too?

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Offering: David Troughton (Zanetto, and he also plays Tonino) hands flowers to Sarah Woodward (Rosaura) in *The Venetian Twins*

Unconvincing portrait

Carrington
Minerva, Chichester

JANE Beeson's intention in this play is difficult to grasp. On the immediate level she gives us a biographical portrait of Dora Carrington, a minor artist better known as a woman caught up in the Bloomsbury circle. She fell in love with Lytton Strachey, who was in love with Ralph Partridge, an employee of the Woolfs, who in turn loved Carrington, and the three of them set up house together in rural Berkshire where they variously wrote, painted and loved.

Soon after Lytton died she killed herself, and Beeson opens the play with her heroine's last moments: Toyah Willcox steps dreamily through the fluttering backdrop of curtain and turns a shotgun on herself. This structural device of starting at the end, jumping back to the beginning and working through to the end again is popular with playwrights embarking on portraits of real people — the same thing happens in *Leonardo* — but its effect in *Carrington*, where the death is suicide, is to emphasise her dependence upon Lytton. He may have acted as a father figure. Both poor and poorly at the time of their meeting, he may also have been a baby-figure. And his presence in the triangle could have offered some relief from the all-embracing Partridge. The play hints at these possibilities without shaping the significant feelings in such a way as to take us inside Carrington's troubled mind.

Another theme may be the problems besetting a woman artist in the early years of the century, though Beeson does not devote much time to this, preferring to concentrate on her heroine's reluctance to make love to the men who wanted to bed her. Mark Gertler first, and Partridge later, seem to have gone on at her all the time, alternately wheedling and shouting abuse. "God, how I suffer!" wails Gertler (Paul Herzberg) and both go on about a man's needs until you could bash them over the head with an Omega tray. Each tries his hand at rape, which Annie Castledine directs in the same way, with Willcox squirming in their arms to escape, so presumably something is being indicated here about male pressures upon women.

The epicene, angular Lytton also puts his oar in. Played very well indeed by Robert Pickavance, to suggest the intelligence and charm along with the bearded weirdness, he appears to want Carrington married so that their prudish servants will return to cook the meals. Meanwhile Virginia Woolf is perched on a stepladder surveying events through field glasses.

Though individual scenes, such as the final one, closing on a slow fade, are poignant and elegant, the play does not balance dialogue and reminiscence so as to give a fair range of the motives of these characters. Compounding this trouble is the mistaken performance of Willcox who plays Carrington very young, impulsive and as defenceless as a child, though she was nearly 40 when she died, and tougher and gutsier than this performance makes out.

JEREMY KINGSTON

LONDON THEATRE: A festival of new plays, a literature spoof and a children's show

An abundance of middling quality

New Play Festival
Old Red Lion, Islington

IN THESE lean times when British theatre is finding good writers are scarce, the London New Play Festival deserves applause for ambitiously programming 14 works. All the same, the quality is variable and, perhaps worryingly, three out of the five that I saw last week were American imports.

Butter's Goat is set on top of an apartment block in Harlem. Butter is going through the roof, longing to escape to Florida and being hunted down by the law because he has, literally, got someone's goat. He has stolen Eugene from the genetics laboratory. You can get the electric chair for kidnapping: if he does not get rid of the goat, Butter could fry. Stephen Persaud (Butter) is charismatic and comic, jive-talking with his mouth askew. His energy, however, needs tethering and the cast — Eugene excepted — stampede through life and butt into each other's speeches. Elizabeth Gorla's direction lacks variety. Still, it is a verbally vibrant New York cocktail of weirded-out urban realism that considers the sad wonkiness of the American Dream amidst its comedy.

Blood Red is an interminable half-hour that is meant to be a hoot. Harriet (the deadly Cavada Humphrey), an OAP from Grand Rapids, witters away to her bedridden husband Jeremiah, dropping hints that she has polished off the lodger. Jeremiah keeps nodding off and it is tempting to join him. This is little more than an extended monologue and Humphrey's portentous pauses are just yawning gaps.

Bernard Padden's **Normality** is far funnier, though indebted to Ionesco and somewhat tiresome with its affected language and endless absurdities. Suburban Mr Reed dons a tutu, the maid is blindfolded and in frogman gear, and the dinner guests believe that aliens took their daughter. Ultimately this is frippery but, under Kate Valentine's stick direction, the plot snowballs pleasurably into pure silliness.

As titles go, **Moses Napoleon and the Queen of Swedenberg** is a mouthful. Cecily Bomberg has, indeed, bitten off more than she can chew: Judaism, Bonaparte, Catholicism, Marxism and a cat called Ulysses. Helen Cotterill (Maeve), Peter Marinker (Moses) and Caroline O'Neil (their daughter Pauline) portray a quarrelling family on the verge of a nervous breakdown with theatrical aplomb and emotional charge. The piece, though, seems an early draft, promising but still muddled.

The Rich Young Ruler, on the other hand, is strongly written yet covers old ground: the hollowness of Hollywood's idols, fame and fortune; Los Angeles as a city of lies and vanity, of gun-wielding home boys and disillusioned creative artists. Lisa Orgolini and Nick Sutton, as a film star and a budding writer who meet on Venice Beach, could not erase the script's traces of sentimentality and sanctimoniousness, yet they gave outstanding, concentrated performances in positively sub-tropical conditions.

KATE BASSETT



Moses Napoleon and the Queen of Swedenberg: Helen Cotterill

Modestly amusing

Withering Looks
Drill Hall, WC1

THE Manchester-based Lip Service consists of two performers. Maggie Fox is tall and gawky. She makes much of prominent nose, lips and teeth. And a pair of eyes that roll sideways and upwards in despairing, thrilled or scandalised complicity with the audience. Sue Ryder is smaller and round-faced, given to melodramatic attitudinising. Despite their difference in stature, she frequently appears to be the bossy one.

This may be because the framework of this two-hander presents Fox as the amateur thespian and Ryder as the professional — she has been paid Equity rates for appearing on *Emmerdale Farm*, at least. The two women, clad in approximately period costume, are members of the National Institute for Bringing History to Life Society. They welcome us to their programme devoted to the Brontës.

To the sharp-eyed or the mathematically gifted who may note the discrepancy with history, they murmur something about spending cuts. Charlotte and Emily are present and sporadically correct, but we are to imagine that Anne has popped out for a cup of sugar — though this does not prevent her distant appearance through a window, a squeaky-voiced bonnet hat on a stick.

This is not the erudite literary comic-strip of the wonderful *Wordsmiths of Gorsemere* that caricatured the Lakeland poets on Radio 4 a few years ago. The mood is more that of the National Theatre of Brent: inspired nonsense rather than literary allusiveness, clowning rather than satire. As such, it makes for amiable, good-hearted entertainment, from the moment when Fox coyly confides that her Victorian dress is an old bridesmaid's frock, to the précis of *Wuthering Heights* played with cut-out figures.

The humour is so gentle that it scarcely seems aimed at any target, though the cult of the northerner comes in for affectionate send-up. Heaven knows what they made of it in Bratislava, Brno or Bucharest, three of the stops on the show's British Council tour earlier this year. It certainly strikes a hedonistic note in the usually austere Drill Hall; a welcome antidote to the monosyllabic staff encountered on this occasion in the restaurant downstairs.

M. H.

Sea wolves on half-term holiday patrol

Erik the Viking
Lewisham Theatre

THE day after the England-Norway football match was perhaps not the best time to enjoy a play about the Scandinavians who ravaged, despoiled and generally humiliated the inhabitants of these islands in bygone centuries. But the children who made up most of the audience for this touring version of Terry Jones's saga, winner of the 1984 Children's Book Award, were untroubled by such jingoistic reservations.

Before the show the sea wolves gave the stalls a quick lesson in pillaging. "He's going round stealing sweeties," shrilled a voice behind me, less outraged than admiring; but it was all in the cause of redistribution of wealth. The illusion was slightly dented by a Norseman's badinage with the lighting crew about the hazards of accepting a lift with the sound man. Otherwise, the children's attention was totally held. It was the occasional teacher, choosing crucial moments in the plot to offer chocolates and to reorganise the seating of her charges, who gave the impression of being unfamiliar with the conventions of live theatre.

Laurence Sach has adapted the book and co-directs with Peter Duncan who, preternaturally boyish as he mingled with the audience, denied television fame but admitted having once won the London marathon. On this occasion he doubled the roles of Sven the Strong, who does much of the narration, and an enchanter in a roguishly askew beard. Neither part demands the physical agility of his past roles in *Barnum* and *Treasure Island*, but he cuts a dashing figure and patently loves performing for children.

The tale is a Nordic odyssey, with our heroes sailing westwards to the unknown new world a few centuries before Columbus, and meeting trolls, dragons, giants, talking flowers and death personified (with a nod to Ingmar Bergman) on the way. Costumes, props and scenery were constructed at Wimbledon School of Art, which has made a name for itself in stage design.

Every stop on the tour contributes a dozen children to man the dragon, provide wraiths and swing wicked-looking maces as Dog Fighters. The Lewisham 12 (which makes them sound like convicts) fought and howled with tremendous stage confidence.

There are lovely luminous puppets in the dark (a toad, dragonflies and flowers), some jolly songs (not too many of them — very judicious that), and a lesson in solidarity as we dispel danger by joining hands and thinking hard about something brave we've done recently, rather like a meeting of the Critic's Circle. Recommended without reservation to parents and children.

Erik the Viking is at the Grand, Wolverhampton until Saturday, then at the Connaught, Worthing June 15-19; the Marlowe, Canterbury June 22-26; Swan, High Wycombe June 29 - July 3; Theatre Royal, Norwich July 6-10 and the Palace, Westcliff July 13-17.

MARTIN HOYLE

Tommy plays the tunes Tony likes

ARTS BRIEFING

THE stage adaptation of The Who's 1969 rock opera *Tommy* has won five awards at the 47th annual Tony theatre awards in New York, including those for best director and choreography. Pete Townshend of The Who jointly won the Tony award for original score, along with Kander and Ebb, who adapted Manuel Puig's novel *Kiss of the Spiderwoman*.

Kiss was the acknowledged overall winner at Sunday night's award ceremony in the Gershwin Theatre, New York, scooping seven awards, including best musical, and best actor (Brent Carver) and actress (Chita Rivera) in a musical. Accepting his award, Townshend noted he had seen *Kiss of the Spiderwoman* twice and "loved it". "I've seen our show a hundred times," he added, "and I hate it."

As expected, Tony Kushner's Aids play, *Angels in America: Millennium Approaches*, picked up four of the top awards in the spoken play department, including best play and best director of a play. And *Angels* star Ron Leibman squeezed out Stephen Rea's performance in *Someone who'll watch over me* to win the best actor in a play award. Madeline Kahn won the best actress in a play award for *The Sisters Rosensweig*.

Dole revived

PLAYWRIGHT Ronald Gow was working on a revival of his most famous work, *Love on the Dole*, just before he died in April. The play, which was a big hit in the 1930s, portrayed a Salford family hit by the Depression and, incidentally, launched the career of Wendy Hiller (who later became Gow's wife). Producer Thelma Holt has now acquired the rights to *Love on the Dole*; a new production will open at the Nottingham Playhouse at the end of September, before a projected transfer to the West End.

Why revive the play now? "Because it's very moving and funny," says Holt. "It deals with how you keep your dignity under those circumstances, and how you scratch a living when you don't have a job. It's not something people would find difficult to relate to today."

Musical Charlie

AFTER *Chaplin* the movie comes Chaplin the opera — or rather, *The Chaplin Operas*. For the Charlie Chaplin centenary in 1988 the English composer Benedict Mason wrote vocal and orchestral accompaniments to three Chaplin shorts: *Easy Street*, *The Immigrant* and *The Adventurer*. These were first performed in Frankfurt in 1989 by the Ensemble Modern, and subsequently toured through Europe, but are only receiving their British premieres next month. They will be played on July 24 as the films are screened at the Queen Elizabeth Hall in London as part of the South Bank's "Meltdown". This weeklong "cross-arts" festival, July 18-25, has been programmed by composer George Benjamin to bring together the latest developments in music, dance and film, with contemporary music as the unifying force.

● FOR the third year running, Nottingham becomes the crime centre of the world during the 11 days of "Shots in the Dark", a festival of films, lectures and panel discussions which begins on Thursday. There are British premieres of John Badham's *The Assassin*, Michael Hanneke's chilling and timely *Benny's Video*, and John McNaughton's *Mad Dog and Glory*, a disarming comedy thriller from the director of *Henry: Portrait of a Serial Killer*.

Harvey Keitel gets a retrospective; the French silent serial *Judex* is revived; V.I. Warshawski's creator Sara Paretsky will be on hand and there is an exhibition of photos by Weegee. Details from the Broadway Media Centre (0602 526611).



Charlie Chaplin: British premieres for new scores to three of his films

Last chance . . .

THERE have been any number of recent celebrations of the Swinging Sixties, and the "permissive society". However, "The Sixties", as seen in the exhibition at the Barbican Art Gallery (071-638 4141) until Sunday, emerge rather differently. Of course there are moments of psychedelia, glimpses of David Hockney and so on, but the emphasis is on the Sixties in London as a heyday of abstract art. Whether informal or hard-edged, lurid or self-denying in colour, it is all here, and at this distance is beginning to look elegant and substantial again.

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Bates battles back to join big names

By Stuart Jones, Tennis Correspondent

TWO leading Britons yesterday played improbably dramatic roles in the main dress rehearsal for Wimbledon. Jeremy Bates and Chris Wilkinson, both of whom were down and apparently out in the first round of the Stella Artois championships at Queen's Club, recovered to join the leading cast.

Many of the domestic entrants are regarded as merely bit players given the chance to perform before the star turns arrive on stage. All of the top eight seeds in the field, led by Pete Sampras and Stefan Edberg, are waived through to the second round, which is due to begin at 12.30pm this afternoon.

As soon as the clay court season ends with the French Open, the burden of expectation is annually heaped principally on the slender shoulders of Bates, the British No 1. He did not have to wait long to start carrying them. His match against Patrik Kuhnen, of Germany, opened the programme on the centre court.

They had met only once before, in Holland three years ago. Kuhnen won then and was on his way to doing so again when, after an hour, he led by a set and 3-1. Yet Bates, suddenly adjusting to the conditions, promptly exploded past an opponent ranked 15 places higher.

He lost only one more game to win 2-6, 6-4, 6-0. In his next match, against another German, he may require extensive body armour. He plays Michael Stich, the sixth seed and the former Wimbledon champion who's serve has been officially measured as the fastest in the world.

The centre court is already like "lightning", according to Bates. "It was unbelievably quick, quicker than the outside courts," he said. "Once I got used to it, I started returning really well." He will need to again against Stich. If he can see the serves, that is.

Pity Wilkinson, too. Having completed an even more extraordinary comeback against Jared Palmer, he has qualified to meet Goran Ivanisevic. The Croatian, who stands at 6ft 4in, delivered more than a thousand aces on tour last year and is renowned for his thunderous, albeit erratic, power.

Wilkinson, the British No 2, has never faced him before and is excited by the prospect. "He hasn't played on grass yet," he said, "and the best part of my game is the return. It is important that I hold my serve and, if I do, anything could happen."

It did yesterday. Palmer, an American ranked 68 places higher, took the first set and was 5-1 ahead in the second set tie-break. "It looked a bit grim at that stage," Wilkinson conceded, "but I thought I'd stick at it, wake up and maybe I could come out of the nightmare." He then entered a dream state, took the next six points to stay in the match and went on to win 2-6, 7-6, 6-3.

Mark Petchey, the British No 3, went down in straight sets to Stephane Simian, a Frenchman ranked No 62 in the world.

☐ Mary Pierce, of France, who last week reached the final sixteen at the French Open, has sacked her father, Jim Pierce, as coach. Pierce senior, of the United States, has been a controversial character on the women's tour since since his daughter first turned professional. He was ejected from Roland Garros this year for hurling abuse at one his daughter's opponents.

RESULTS: Singles: First round: S Sanan (Fr) bt M Petchey (GB), 6-3, 6-4; R Reneberg (US) bt C Pridham (Can), 6-3, 5-7, 6-3; G Rioux (Fr) bt M Haidat (Ger), 7-5, 6-1; B Steven (NZ) bt A O'Brien (US), 1-6, 7-5, 8-6; J Bates (GB) bt P Kuhnen (Ger), 4-6, 6-4, 6-0; L Hamers (Mex) bt O Delaitre (Fr), 7-6, 7-5; G Stafford (SA) bt K Thorne (US), 6-4, 7-6; C Wilkinson (GB) bt J Palmer (US), 2-6, 7-6, 6-3; B Black (Zim) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 6-2, 7-6

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Best of British: Bates stretches to return a backhand during his brave win at Queen's Club yesterday

Durie suffers as gloom afflicts Britons

By Alix Ramsay

THE gentle quiet of the Edgbaston Priory Club was disturbed yesterday by familiar groans as British tennis players suffered more misery on the opening day of the DFS Classic tournament in Birmingham.

It began with Jo Durie, the British No 1, being advised not to play at Wimbledon following a knee operation three weeks ago. Her coach, Alan Jones, warned her not "to be suicidal" and risk the knee so soon after surgery if she wanted the chance to play in the championships next year.

With the top seeds all given byes into the second round today, Shirli-Ann Siddall, from Dorset, hoped to steal the limelight when she met Michelle Jaggard-Lai, of Australia, on centre court.

For over two and a half hours Siddall battled in a tight and tense match. She dropped the opening set after losing the tie-break 10-8, then had the trainer on court to treat an eye problem before the trouble really started.

When Siddall's peaked cap flew off and distracted Jaggard-Lai, the Australian was not happy. Jaggard-Lai then held break point, but a ball fell from the clip on the back of Siddall's skirt, upsetting her even further as she lost the point. By then, Jaggard-Lai had had enough, smashing her racket into the court to earn a warning for racket abuse.

Distracted by the wayward ball clip again at 5-5 and with the tournament referee, Ann Jones, already on court, it took some diplomatic negotiation to calm things down. But Jaggard-Lai bided her time and Siddall's game fell apart in the third set as the Australian completed a 7-6, 6-7, 6-2 victory.

Maria Strandlund, who got into the main draw only when Julie Steven pulled out, beat Ann Henricksson 3-6, 6-4, 7-5, but she faces a daunting test against Martina Navratilova today.

Basic principle that can add killer finish to Britain's best



Rob Andrew, stand-off half with the Lions, on the change of style designed to beat the All Blacks

There are basics in New Zealand rugby that, as visitors, you ignore at your peril. One of the reasons we were successful in our first four matches was that we did not allow that to happen. Ian McGeechan, our coach, has tried to drum a few simple themes into our play in the knowledge that the tour schedule allows us little opportunity for development.

Defeat against Otago seven days before the international against the All Blacks was a nasty smack in the face, but at least what happened involved elements of the game we had talked about from day one.

The central theme is control of the ball at the breakdown, allied to the knowledge of what we then want to do with the ball. That implies that we do not lose possession, nor allow opponents to force a turnover by tying up the ruck or the maul. Then we produce the ball as quickly as possible to give room and time to our runners, who are certainly on a par with anyone here.

When we arrived, people in New Zealand had been conditioned by reports from Britain which said that the Lions were too old and too slow. They did not expect much from us and were surprised when we scored some good tries in the early games and knocked over sides with a reputation. That was the result of all the work we have done on securing second-phase ball and recycling it.

We have done set-piece work, but it has not been as significant a part of training; traditionally, we have been good in that area anyway, provided we get our share of the put-in at scrum or lineout — although here there are remarkably few scrums in a game, which puts the emphasis on the lineout to an even greater extent.

In two matches, against the Maoris in the first half and Otago in the second half, we lost the initiative. We were not feeding the lineout, so we have to ensure that it is not the Lions who kick the ball off the field but force opponents into doing so in positions unfavourable to them. That is part and parcel of the new laws that again, New Zealanders thought we had found difficult.

Ian is coaching a more technical approach to the breakdowns, which the new law has forced on us and to which the New Zealanders and Australians have adapted quickly. We are operating from a different base: we have made significant improvements in fitness, attitude, technical skills, but the game itself has changed — that is why second-phase possession has been emphasised and part of our preparation involves the backs recognising their responsibility in securing the ball as well. You cannot expect the forwards to do that for you if you are a long way from where they are. Everybody is responsible for keeping possession, which is something the southern-hemisphere sides have taken for granted.

It's not so much a new style as a different emphasis on winning quick ball for the backs: they can work only with quick possession at this level. Against well-organised defences, if the ball is slowed, or is static, the extra seconds mean the difference between running at three defenders as opposed to six or seven.

It does not take New Zealanders long to work out how best to stop a side. This is the best rugby school in the world. They have watched us and learnt quickly what we are trying to do. They realise we are very dangerous playing with quick ball — look at the pace we have out wide — and they are finding ways to deny us.

We have been brought up on the theory that New Zealanders rack everything that they stay on their feet, never flop on the ball or go over the top. I have never seen so many forwards off their feet, diving over the ball as I see here.

We have to remedy that situation or see in the internationals how the referee rules the game. That is why we have worked so hard on those few specifics: Ian wants to condition us to crucial areas of the game where he believes, if we are successful, we can win the international series, which starts on Saturday.

Interview by David Hands

Lions change lineout plan

From David Hands, Rugby Correspondent, in Invercargill

THE British Isles could have sent for a back-row forward when they learnt that Wade Dooley had to return home because of the death of his father. After all, they have Mick Galwey — more accustomed to locking scrums for Ireland than playing in the back row — already here.

Galwey played No 8 against Southland here today, while Ben Clarke was hoping to have eradicated the herniated haematoma he suffered against Canterbury nearly a week ago. But whatever shortcomings were apparent in the loose during defeat against Otago last Saturday, the management decided that another lock was essential. In preferring Martin Johnson to Gareth Llewellyn, of Neath, they have tacitly admitted a fundamental change in lineout strategy since Martin Bayfield, their most successful lock, must surely move to the middle of the lineout.

The second row against New Zealand looked likely to be Dooley and Bayfield. But Dooley left for London yesterday, his international career over. Happily, there is even greater optimism that Bayfield will be fit to play on Saturday after his injury against Otago. His partner will be determined by the performance earlier today of the two Scots, Damian Cronin and Andy Reed, against Southland — a match Scott Hastings was hoping to see after his release from hospital following the operation on his broken cheekbone.

But Johnson, due to arrive tomorrow with Vinny Cunningham (Hastings's replacement), is a front jumper, although he is hardly likely to know where he is by tomorrow. Canada on Sunday, Leicestershire on Monday, Christchurch, New Zealand on Wednesday is jet-setting on a large scale for the Market Harborough bank official.

The lineout has been much in the thoughts of Geoff Cooke, the Lions manager. "I do find it a bit amazing when they accuse us of illegalities," Cooke said. "Against Otago you could not get near their ball which really removes the contest from the lineout."

Cooke, however, has no quarrel with New Zealand referees: so long as his players understand local intentions he is relatively content and in pre-match discussions with local referees he has been told how the games would be run. Only once have the Lions encountered inconsistencies, against North Harbour.

Sisters revive memories

By Patricia Davies

ON SUNDAY, it was 1893 all over again at Royal Lytham and St Annes as members of the Ladies' Golf Union, attired in long skirts, decorous blouses and straw boaters, assembled for a glass of madeira wine and an arrowroot biscuit before a few holes on the links where women's championship golf began 100 years ago.

Today, it is the turn of the modern competitor, attired, weather permitting, in shorts, short sleeves and visors, as the Centenary Ladies' British Open Amateur Championship — to give it its full and proper title — begins with the first of two rounds of strokeplay qualifying for the matchplay stages.

In 1893, there were 32 competitors at Lytham, including two sisters who had made the journey from Pau, the oldest club on the Continent. In 1993, there are more than a hundred players. There is a paucity of sisters from Pau but there are the McKay sisters, Fiona and Mhairi, from Turnberry and the French contingent includes two members of the Mourgue d'Algue family — Cecilia, captain of France for many years, and her daughter, Kristel, who is at college in the United States.

Also on vacation from America is Lisa Walton, of Calcot Park in Reading, who is at San Jose State University in California, studying psychology — and golf. This year, she has won three intercollegiate events and will be keen to improve on her showing in last year's championship when she was beaten in the quarter-finals by Pernille Pedersen, who went on to become the first Dane to win the title.

Denmark was not a golfing hotbed in 1893 — neither was the United States, for that matter — and it all is really a far cry from the days of Lady Margaret Scott, the first winner of the championship. The trophy, however, is just the same.

☐ Paul Azinger has climbed three places in the men's world rankings after winning the Memorial Tournament at Muirfield Village, Ohio, on Sunday. He is sixth in the Sony list, which is still led by Nick Faldo, of England, with Bernhard Langer, of Germany, second.

Azinger won the tournament by one shot from his countryman, Corey Pavin, courtesy of a bunker shot that he chipped into the cup on the final hole.

Boardman breaks away from Lotus

By Peter Bryan

THE gold medal-winning partnership between Chris Boardman and the Lotus high-tech bike is over, for this year at least, the Olympic 4000-metres pursuit champion said yesterday.

Boardman has decided to ride a more conventional French-made Corima machine in his ambitious attempt next month to capture the absolute world one-hour cycling record of 31.95 miles (51.151km), which Francesco Moser set at altitude in Mexico nine years ago.

"I shall be using the same machine in the world pursuit championship in Norway in August," Boardman said. Last week the British Cycling Federation announced that he and Shaun Wallace, the world professional pursuit silver medal-winner for the last two years, had been given automatic selection for the championship.

Wallace, who is based in the United States, is almost certain to ride a Lotus again. Boardman's decision followed a series of "secret" trials in Bordeaux last month on a variety of machines.

He said yesterday that Lotus was aware he would not be riding one of its bikes in competition this year, adding that "the door could be open at a later date".

His new machine for the one-hour record attempt will be similar to that used in the Bordeaux trials, but it is being modified slightly this week to allow Boardman to ride with an improved aerodynamic position.

His attempt will be made on the indoor velodrome in the French city on July 23 — the day a stage of the Tour de France ends there. "The world's press will be in Bordeaux and my plan is to start the attempt an hour after the tour stage ends. Moser's record is considered the Blue Riband of cycling: they should have plenty to write about," Boardman said.

On Sunday Boardman became only the second rider to win the national 25-mile time trial championship, held on a course at Redruth, five times in succession, in a record time of 48 minutes, 45 seconds.

The 96 Milk Race survivors are back in the saddle today for the start of three days of toil in the mountains, starting with the 125-mile stage from Birmingham to Llandudno.

Britain's Banana team has Chris Lillywhite, Ben Luckwell and Brian Smith in second, third and fourth places overall behind Nico Mattan, of Belgium, the race leader.

TODAY: Eighth stage (Birmingham to Llandudno, 125 miles): Start 9.30am, Bridgnorth 10.40, Shrewsbury 11.29, Ellesmere 12.17, Llangollen 12.59, Denbigh 13.57. Finish 15.14



Boardman: trials

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

SOUTHAMPTON: Solent Games (including field events, international): Men: Long jump: 1, M Campus (It), 7.70m; 2, F Sane (GB), 7.62; 3, T Orsina (Hun), 7.60; 6, S Phillips (GB), 7.43; Shot: 1, P Dal Soglio (It), 19.94m; 2, C Pandini (It), 18.54; 3, J Jacobsen (Nor), 18.38; 4, P Edwards (GB), 16.66; 7, S Whyte (GB), 16.56. Women: High jump: 1, J Jennings (GB), 1.83m; 2, F Sanz (Nor), 1.80; 3, D Mann (GB), 1.66; Discus: 1, S Andrews (GB), 56.14m; 2, J Mortensen (GB), 54.12; 3, K Cooke (Nor), 51.92; Triple jump: 1, I Fenwick (Nor), 12.49m; 2, S Fiss (It), 12.37; 3, E Medovarski (Nor), 12.25; 5, E Finan (GB), 13.03; 6, C Henry (GB), 12.96; Javelin: 1, K Zsigmond (Hun), 57.82m; 2, S Gibson (GB), 57.44; 3, S Holroyd (GB), 53.74. Match result: (including events held at Portsmouth on Saturday). Men: Britain 134, Italy 81, Hungary 54. Women: Britain 53, Hungary 42, (3), 31. Other results (at GB): Women: Pole vault: 1, K Staples, 3.55m (British record); 2, L Stanton, 3.10; 3, C Rodgers, 3.00.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia Phillies 11, Colorado Rockies 7; St Louis Cardinals 5, Cincinnati Reds 1; Houston Astros 5, New York Mets 4; Atlanta Braves 2, Los Angeles Dodgers 0; Florida Marlins 3, San Diego Padres 2; San Francisco Giants 7, Pittsburgh Pirates 1; Chicago Cubs 4, Montreal Expos 1.

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia Phillies	35	16	.729	—
Montreal Expos	31	23	.574	5½
St Louis Cardinals	28	26	.519	8½
Pittsburgh Pirates	27	27	.500	9½
Chicago Cubs	26	27	.491	10
Florida Marlins	26	30	.464	11½
New York Mets	16	35	.314	17½
West division				
San Francisco Giants	37	21	.638	—
Houston Astros	31	23	.574	3½
Los Angeles Dodgers	29	26	.527	6
Atlanta Braves	31	27	.534	6
Cincinnati Reds	26	30	.464	10½
San Diego Padres	23	34	.404	13½
Colorado Rockies	16	40	.286	20

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Baltimore Orioles 5, Seattle Mariners 2; Minnesota Twins 6, Cleveland Indians 4; Detroit Tigers 11, California Angels 4; Oakland Athletics 10, Toronto Blue Jays 3; Chicago White Sox 4, Boston Red Sox 3; Kansas City Royals 8, Milwaukee Brewers 7; Texas Rangers 4, New York Yankees 3.

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit Tigers	35	18	.660	—
Toronto Blue Jays	31	19	.620	3½
New York Yankees	31	20	.608	4
Boston Red Sox	31	23	.574	5½
Baltimore Orioles	27	23	.540	7½
Milwaukee Brewers	24	27	.471	11
Cleveland Indians	21	30	.412	14
West division				
Kansas City Royals	30	24	.556	—
California Angels	28	25	.528	1½
Chicago White Sox	28	26	.519	2
Texas Rangers	27	27	.500	3
Seattle Mariners	24	29	.453	5½
Minnesota Twins	23	29	.442	6
Oakland Athletics	21	30	.412	7½

CRICKET

MCC TROPHY, Warrington: Cumberland 137 (N Pass 4-18), Cheshire 133-5. Cheshire won by 5 wkts. Jesmond: Lincolnshire 219-7 (P J Hasselline 74); Northumberland 220-4 (P N S Dutton 90 not out, S R Morris 65). Northumberland won by 6 wkts. Bedford School: Bedfordshire 251-8 (C I Burlen 95, P D B Hoare 73), Cambridgeshire 213-10 (L Marvin 4-34). Bedfordshire won by 38 runs. Trowbridge: Cornwall 208-6 (R S Bartlett 56); Wiltshire 209-5 (P M Marsh 57, S M Penn 54 not out, K N Foyle 46). Wiltshire won by 5 wkts. Sherborne School: Devon 229-3 (J G Wyatt 114 not out, D E Townsend 48 not out), Dorset 201-9. Devon won by 28 runs. Shenley Park: Hertfordshire 215-4 (M R Gouldstone 95 not out, A Needham 63), Oxfordshire 167-9 (G F Salvi 47). Hertfordshire won by 48 runs.

BEACHCROFT STANLEYS CRICKETER CUP, First round: Old Citizenians 207-8, Merrow Rovers 179. Old Citizenians won by 28 runs. Old Wykehamists 149, Sherborne Pilgrims 87. Marlborough Blues 90-5, Old Tonbridgians 315-7. Downside Wanderers 253, Uppingham Rovers 271-9, Old Alleynians 233-7.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Kelly 117, *Athalstan 95, Bengal Tiger 59; Dundle 179-7 (McGuiness 115 not out). *Stanhurst 180-9, Sedbergh 150-8. *Charterhouse 230-4, Winchester 142. Harrow 189-8 (T Newman 6-46). *Wellington, Berks, 191-4 (D Churton 102 not out), Pangbourne 168-4 (Czapsuk 123). *Magdalen, Oxford, 142-7; Epsom 139-7. *Charnegh 152-8. *King's, Macclesfield 154-7; Hull Univ 144-9. *Haileybury 166. Tonbridge 148-6. MCC 247-2 (A Tyler 125). *Brighton 242-7, Ampleforth 199-5 (C Mathias 109 not out). St Peter's, York 235-2 (R Musgrave 160 not out). *Denstone 231-4. R Mason 102 not out). Old Dunelmians 146-8. Durham Univ II 241-6. *Durham 134-5. Eastbourne 135. *Brighton 136-3. Kent Schools Association Under-19 v 225-8 dec. *Colfe's 178-9 King's, Bruton 88. *Canford 96-2. Landing 207-9 dec. *Tonbridge 196-9. Manchester 182-9 dec. *Shrewsbury 112. MCC 137. *Enfield 121-7. MCC 249-3 (A Tyler 125 not out). *Merchant Taylors' Northwood 206-5. *Merchant Taylors' Northwood 109. UCS 88. *St George's, Weybridge 185-7 dec. King Edward's, Southampton 138-7. Stamford 139 *Uppingham 140-9. *Taunton 68. Millfield 69-1. The Leys 156, *Oakham 110. Cheltenham Trophy Final: RGS Worcester 161 *Monmouth 146.

* denotes home team

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: Fifteenth stage (Conegliano to Lienz/Austria, 256.8km, Italy unless stated): 1, G Casagrande, 7hr 32min 46sec; 2, M Argentin at 46sec; 3, F Gaupmann, 48; 4, P Lombardi (Ger); 5, M Fondriest, 6, M Indurain (Spa) all same time. Irish placing: 12, S Roche 59. Overall: 1 Indurain, 74hr 7min 55sec; 2, Ozturmis, at 49secs; 3, C Chiappucci, 1min 18sec; 4, M Lelli, 1:49; 5, V Pavilenw (Ukr) 2:43; 6, P Tonkov (Russ), 3:13; 5, Roche, 6:50.

CRITERIUM DU DAUPHINE LIBERE: Seventh stage (Bourg St Maurice to Aix-les-Bains): 1, C Zamana (Pol), 3hr 44min 30secs; 2, M Martin (Spa), 3; 3, B Breukink (Hol), both same time. Irish placing: 47, Kelly, at 2min 25sec. Overall: 1, Indurain, 30:11:31; 2, C Rincon (Col), at 9secs; 3, E Boyer (Fr), 5:25. Irish placing: 45, Kelly, 1hr 6min 32sec.

TOUR OF ASTURIAS: Sixth stage: 1, R Mulders (Hol), 4hr 30min 52sec; 2, J Urrutiaga Sp, at 2min 26sec; 3, J Rodrigues (Sp), same time. Final overall placings: 1, E Breukink (Hol), 24:30:08; 2, P Blanco (Ger), at 55secs; 3, P Delgado (Spa) 55. Irish placing: 7, R Millar, 3:33.

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: Asian group D: Bahrain 3, India 0; South Korea 2, Lebanon 0.

US CUP: Brazil 2, United States 0 (in New Haven, Connecticut).

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Braga 4, Famalicao 1; Espinho 1, Salgueiros 1; Farense 1, Tirsense 0; Sporting 3, Pacos Ferreira 1; Benfica 5, Belenenses 1; Boavista 1, Estoril 0; Porto 2, Maritimo 0; Chaves 0, Beira Mar 0; Gil Vicente 2, Guimaraes 0. Leading final positions (after 34 matches): 1, Porto, 54pts; 2, Benfica, 52; 3, Sporting, 45.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Tenerife 2, Osasuna 2; Real Burgos 1, Celta 1, Sporting Gijon 1, Rayo Vallecano 0; Albacete 2, Real Oviedo 0; Valencia 2, Espanol 0; Logrones 0, Real Zaragoza 0; Athletic Bilbao 1, Atletico Madrid 2. Leading positions (after 36 matches): 1, Real Madrid, 56pts; 2, Barcelona, 54; 3, Deportivo, 52.

TOULON: International under-21 tournament: France 1, Scotland 0; Bulgaria 2, Mexico 2.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUES: Rio de Janeiro championship: Second stage: Vasco da Gama 1, Fluminense 1, Itaperuna 1, Bangu 1, Flamengo 3, Sao Cristovao 0, Botafogo 2, Volta Redonda 1; Amarica 1, Americano 1, Olaria 1, Bonsucesso 0. Leading positions: 1, Vasco da Gama, 11, 18; 2, Flamengo, 11, 17; 3, Bangu, 11, 15.

WOMEN'S FA: Premier division: Knowsley Utd 1, Doncaster Belles 7 (Arsenal champions, Doncaster Belles runners-up). First division south: Play-off: Bromley Borough 3, Saltdean Utd 0.

GOLF

DUBLIN, Ohio: Men's tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 274: P Azinger, 68, 69, 66, 69; 275: C Pavin, 69, 70, 69, 67; 276: P Stewart, 69, 66, 67, 74; 277: G Norman (Aus), 68, 68, 74, 67; J Ozaki (Japan), 67, 70, 73, 67; F Couples, 67, 68, 73, 69; J Haas, 67, 70, 72, 68; B Faxon, 69, 69, 70, 69; J McGovern, 67, 71, 69, 70; 278: B Glasson, 69, 69, 69, 72; D Love, 66, 72, 69, 71.

EAST LANSING, Michigan: Women's tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 277: J Geddes, 72, 66, 68, 69; 278: T Green 69, 69, 71, 69; P Johnson (GB), 71, 68, 71, 69; A Rizzman, 68, 70, 71, 69; N Sozynton, 71, 71, 69, 68; E Kirry, 68, 68, 71, 72. Other British scores: 286: P Wright, 72, 73, 72, 71; 294: B Strudwick, 69, 72, 80, 73; 303: K Dorsey, 76, 68, 82, 77.

ST ANDREWS: Links Trophy: Final scores 280: G Hay (Downfield), 71, 66, 70, 73; 281: v Phillips (Stoke Poges), 70, 70, 70, 71; 282: D Robertson (Cochrane Castle), 69, 74, 67, 72; 284: M Welch (Hill Valley), 76, 70, 68, 71; S Cage (Sand Moor), 72, 72, 69, 71.

RYDER CUP: European points table: 1, B Lanc (Eng), 331,797.75; 2, C Montgomerie (Scot), 316,836.79; 3, N Faldo (Eng), 305,702.50; 4, B Langer (Ger), 289,664.48; 5, M James (Eng), 267,762.08; 6, D Gilford (Eng), 211,716.57; 7, J Spence (Eng), 210,577.05; 8, J Haeggman (Swe), 204,756.76; 9, J M Olazabal (Sp), 197,856.71; 10, G Brand Jr (Scot), 196,931.92; 11, S Richardson (Eng), 187,518.41; 12, P Broadhurst (Eng), 187,145.95; 13, J Payne (Eng), 185,230.01; 14, S Lyle (Scot), 184,287.06; 15, C Rocca (It), 183,855.25.

MOTORCYCLING

ISLE OF MAN TT races: 125cc TT (190.92 miles): 1, J Dunlop (Honda), 1hr 24min 05.0sec; 2, R Dunlop (Honda), 1:24:37.6; 3, B Heath (Honda), 1:26:24.0; 4, D McCullough (Honda), 1:28:57.0; 5, G Bennett (Honda), 1:28:59.8. Supersports 400 TT 1: J Moodie (Yamaha), 1:21:15.4; 2, I Duffus (Yamaha), 1:22:15.4; Sidecar: 1, D Molyneux and K Ellison (Yamaha), 1hr 8min 50.0sec; 2, E Wright and P Hill (Honda), 1:06:41.4.

MOTOR RACING

WEST ALLIS, Wisconsin: IndyCar race (US unless stated): 1, N Mansell (GB), Lola-Ford Cosworth, XB, 200 laps completed, avge speed 110.970mph; 2, R Boesel (Bra), Lola-Ford Cosworth, XB, 200 laps; 3, E Fittipaldi (Br), Penske-Chevrolet C, 200; 4, R Rahal, Lola-Chevrolet C, 200; 5, A Unser Jr, Lola-Chevrolet C, 198. Overall: 1, Mansell, 70pts, 2, Boesel, 52; 3, Fittipaldi, 51; 4, M Andretti, 43; 5, A Luyendyk, 37.

ROWING

DOCKLANDS REGATTA: Second day: Eights: Open: London, Brian Sacs, Women's open, Bedford, 6:16; Coxed fours: Open: London University, 5:37, Women's open: Staines, 6:36, Coxless fours: Open: London, 5.44, Women's open: Bedford, 6.33; Women's lightweight: Reading/Wallingford, 6.31; Quadruple sculls: Open: Molesey Scullers, 5.53, Women's open: Thames, 6.03; Double sculls: Open: Molesey/Cambridge 99, 5, 55; Women's open: Thames, 6.55; Coxless pairs: Open: London, 6.09, Women's open: Molesey, 7.00, Women's lightweight: Weybridge/Reading University, 7.18; Sculls: Women's open: University College Dublin (Doyle), 7.30; Lightweight: London (Booth), 6.25, Women's lightweight: Auriol Kensington (Watson), 7.30.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Team matches: 300, 500, 600, 900, 1,000 yards (10p): 1, GB Team, 4,362.473; 2, LMRA 4,358.473; 3, Wales, 3,298.465. Individual (300, 600, 900, 1,000): G Cann, 194.25; Queen's I and Queen's II: A Tucker, 253.33 900 and 1000 yds (Bst: 1, North London RC, 745.63 (A Hurter, 98 1/2), 2, RMTRC, 729.64 (D Lindsay 94 7), 3, RNTRC, 706.56 (N Bell, 96 7), London and Middlesex RA smallbore meeting, Class A: 100 yds: N Davis, 1,360; 50 metres: M Gabb, 1,955/99; Grand aggregate: 1, S le Couilliard, 3,309; 2, Gabb 3,308, 3, N Peters, 3,305. Women: J Nichols, 3,269. Team: Appleton, 3,648. Sussex county rifle meeting: County championship: First stage: 1, L Wicker, 198.28, 2, A de Launay, 197.26, 3, P Chapman, 195.20. Corris Cup (300 and 500 yds): Dle Launay, 98.15, Association Cup (500 and 600 yds): Wicker, 100.43.

TENNIS

EDGBASTON: DFS Classic women's tournament: First round: M Jaggard-Lai (Aus) bt S-A Siddall (GB), 7-6, 6-7, 8-2; M Endo (Japan) bt T Ignatieva (Belg), 6-3, 6-1; E Brioukhovets (Ukr) bt K Nagatsuka (Japan), 6-4, 6-3; C MacGregor (US) bt L Nash (US), 6-4, 6-2; J Kruger (SA) bt L Gidopoulou (Peru), 6-4, 6-2; C Wegink (Hol) bt N Miyagi (Japan), 6-0, 6-2; S Farina (It) bt K Teodorowicz (Pol), 6-1, 7-6.

YACHTING

UAP ROUND EUROPE RACE: Fourth leg (Rotterdam to Copenhagen). Whitbread mens: 1, New Zealand Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ); 2, Meet Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz); 3, La Poste (D Malin, Fr). Whitbread 60 class: 1, Galicia Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp); 2, Ionium Justina (R Nelson, Eur); 3, Brookfield (G Malsto, It), 60ft open class: 1, Ecureuil Poitou Charentes (B Aubineau, Fr); 2, Ville de Chebourg (H Mabire, Fr); 3, Biscaya Superior (A Gastier, Fr). Multihull: 1, Fujicolor II (L Peyron, Fr); 2, Primagaz (E Bourgnon, Fr).

FOR THE RECORD

Saturday June 12

VICTORIA FIRST DIVISION
1 Frankston P v Oakleigh
1 Northcote v Br'dm'd'wes
2 P Melbourne v Doncaster
X Werribee v Ringwood
X Western v Bell Park

VICTORIA SECOND DIVISION
1 Chelsea v Springvale U
2 Dowton v Bentleigh
2 Moorooback v Sunbury
1 Nunawading v Box Hill
2 Sandringham v Clarinda
X Waverley v E Brunswick

VICTORIA THIRD DIVISION
2 Corio v S Wembee
1 Eltham v Geelong
1 Fitzroy v Melbourne
2 Moorabbin v Lalor Utd
2 P Vale v Essendon
X Regent v S Dandenong
1 Seaford Utd v Keilor

VICTORIA FOURTH DIVISION
2 Coburg v Bosanna
1 Cranbourne v Karingal
1 E Altona v Yarraville
2 Geelong v S Springvale
1 Malvern v St Polonia
X Mornington v Brighton

VICTORIA FIFTH DIVISION
2 Ballarat v Westvale
1 Berwick v Springvale C
1 Brandon v Williamstn
X E Geelong v Melton
2 Forest Hill v Lalor
1 Frankston U v Heidelberg
X Yallourn v S Wantirna

WEST AUSTRALIA FIRST DIVISION
1 Bassendean v Osborne
2 Bayswater v Spearwood
2 Fremantle v North Perth
X Inglewood v Athena
X Kingsway v Stirling M
1 Rockingham v Perth Isl

WEST AUSTRALIA SECOND DIVISION
2 Morley v Wanneroo

2 North Lake v Melville
1 Queens Pk v Balga
1 Stirling T v Ashfield
X S Vardar v Gosnells
1 Swan Crac v Dianella
2 Swan IC v Armadale

SOUTH AUSTRALIA FIRST DIVISION
1 Blue Eagles v Woodville
1 Croydon v Modbury
1 Olympians v Adelaide
X Para Hills v Enfield
1 WT Birkalla v Salisbury

NEW SOUTH WALES FIRST DIVISION
2 Gladesville v W Wander's
2 Liverpool v Dulwich Hill

TASMANIA NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE
1 Launceston v Croatia
1 Olympic v Georgetown
1 Somerset v Burnie

TASMANIA SOUTH FIRST DIVISION
1 Howrah v Dosa
X Phoenix v Nelson
X Rapid v Metro
1 S Hobart v Kingborough

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Wembee, Western, Waverley, Regent, Mornington, East Geelong, Yallourn, Inglewood, Kingsway, South Yarra, Phoenix, Rapid.

BEST DRAWS: Wembee, Mornington, Yallourn, Kingsway, Rapid.

AWAYS: Sunbury; Essendon, Rosanna, Westvale, Lalor, North Perth, Wanneroo, Melville.

HOMES: Frankston Pines, Eltham, East Altona, Brandon Park, Frankston United, Swan Crac, Blue Eagles, Croydon, Launceston, Olympic, Somerset, Howrah.

☐ Vince Wright

CROSSWORD

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TROCHOTRON

(c) A type of magnetron in which there are a number of anodes at different angular positions around the central cathode, with the electron beam able to be switched from one anode to another: "Research on valves with cycloidal or trochoidal electronic motion has been carried out. The development of the valves, which are called trochotrons, has been carried out by G. Hambraeus and T. Wallmark."

POLYSEMY

(c) The fact of having several meanings, the possession of multiple meanings, from the Greek *polus* many + *sēma* a meaning. "We now see the reason why polysemy is found so often in small words to an extent which would not be tolerable in longer words."

CATHISMA

(a) In the Greek Orthodox Church, a portion of the psalter containing from three to eleven psalms. Also a short hymn used as a response. From the Greek *cathisma* a seat, from *kata* down + *hizein* to sit: "The Greeks rarely sit in church: the cathismata are therefore pauses for rest and are longer than the usual troparia."

HISPA

(a) A tropical leaf-beetle of the genus so named, hence *hispid* and *hispine*, from the Latin *hispidus* bristly, hairy: "I found full grown larvae of a Hispa in the leaves."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

The brilliant 1.Nf5! throws a spanner into the black works. If 1 ... Nxg4 2 Rxd8 mate, 1 ... Rxd1+ 2 Qxd7+ wins and 1 ... exf5 2 Rxd8+ is decisive.

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Pilkington expected to take over reins as senior steward

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent


Pilkington: served on important committees

SIR Thomas Pilkington has emerged as the clear favourite to succeed Lord Hartington as senior steward of the Jockey Club.

His expected appointment comes at a crucial time for the Jockey Club as it contemplates its future role following the creation of the British Horseracing Board (BHB).

Sir Thomas — his full name is Thomas Henry Milborne-Swinnerton-Pilkington — is an industrialist. He is chairman of Thos and James Harrison, a shipping company with offices in Liverpool and London, as well as being deputy chairman of Cliff Oil.

In the world of racing he is best known as chairman of Newmarket Racecourses Trust, a position he has held since 1988. Sir Thomas has horses in training with John Dunlop, Alec Stewart and Michael Bell.

Aged 59, he has served on most of the Jockey Club's important committees, and as well as the Levy Board.

The selection of a future senior steward makes the choosing of a Pope appear an enlightened process, but it is customary for a name to emerge within Portman Square well in advance of the sitting encumbent stepping down. Lord Hartington's term of office expires in July 1994.

Although not considered so liberal as Lord Hartington, Sir Thomas is thought likely to continue rather than end the era of reform begun by his predecessor.

The creation of the BHB, which formerly came into existence yesterday, ends the Jockey Club's 200-year reign over British racing. The new board will be responsible for the business side of racing, leaving the Jockey Club with integrity services, which includes security and discipline.

Apart from overseeing the Jockey Club's reduced role, it will be important for the new senior steward to ensure that a cordial working relationship exists with the BHB — especially at official level.

Lord Hartington, the first chairman of the BHB, will have been most anxious to avoid a die-hard backwoodsman succeeding him at Portman Square and threatening the success of the fledgling board.

A committee, chaired by the existing deputy steward, Sandy Struthers, is examining the future role and responsibilities of the Jockey Club and is due to report soon to the stewards.

Looking to the future, the Jockey Club will have to consider the possibility of transferring its remaining functions to the BHB. A few senior Jockey Club members already support such a move, especially following the Aintree fiasco. The BHB would then be entirely responsible for running racing and the Jockey Club would be a social club, albeit an exclusive one.

The Struthers committee has been taking informal soundings from several of the 130 members. It will also have to decide which official should run the Jockey Club on a day-to-day basis.

Nap: PLAY WITH ME
(4.00 Salisbury)
NB: Cut The Red Tape
(4.15 Pontefract)

Appearance money heralds new era

By Julian Muscat

THE first, tentative steps in a wide-scale reorganisation of the way racing is financed were taken yesterday with the announcement that the Horserace Betting Levy Board has set aside £500,000 for the payment to racehorse owners of appearance money next year.

Such a provision for appearance money is a forerunner for other, more complicated changes to the sport's financial administration. A more commercial approach has become necessary following the government's decision to allow owners to reclaim VAT costs.

In exchange for this concession, sport is obliged to reorganise itself along the lines of a business. Eventually, the rules of racing will be relaxed to permit owners to generate additional revenue through sponsorship of their activities.

Proposals are expected to be in place by the autumn, when many new owners traditionally enter the sport through the purchase of yearlings.

Racing is understandably keen to promote the fact that owning a racehorse will be 17.5 per cent cheaper on account of the VAT breakthrough.

Kenneth Young, chairman of the sport's VAT steering group, which is exploring proposals for the scheme, conceded the extremely technical nature of these proposals has made their implementation difficult.

"There will be considerable upheaval in some areas of racing, but we have to be clear as to the path we are setting down before these changes are put into place," he said.

However, he had no doubts about the benefits of the successful VAT lobby, which has placed British racehorse owners in an advantageous position compared with their European counterparts.

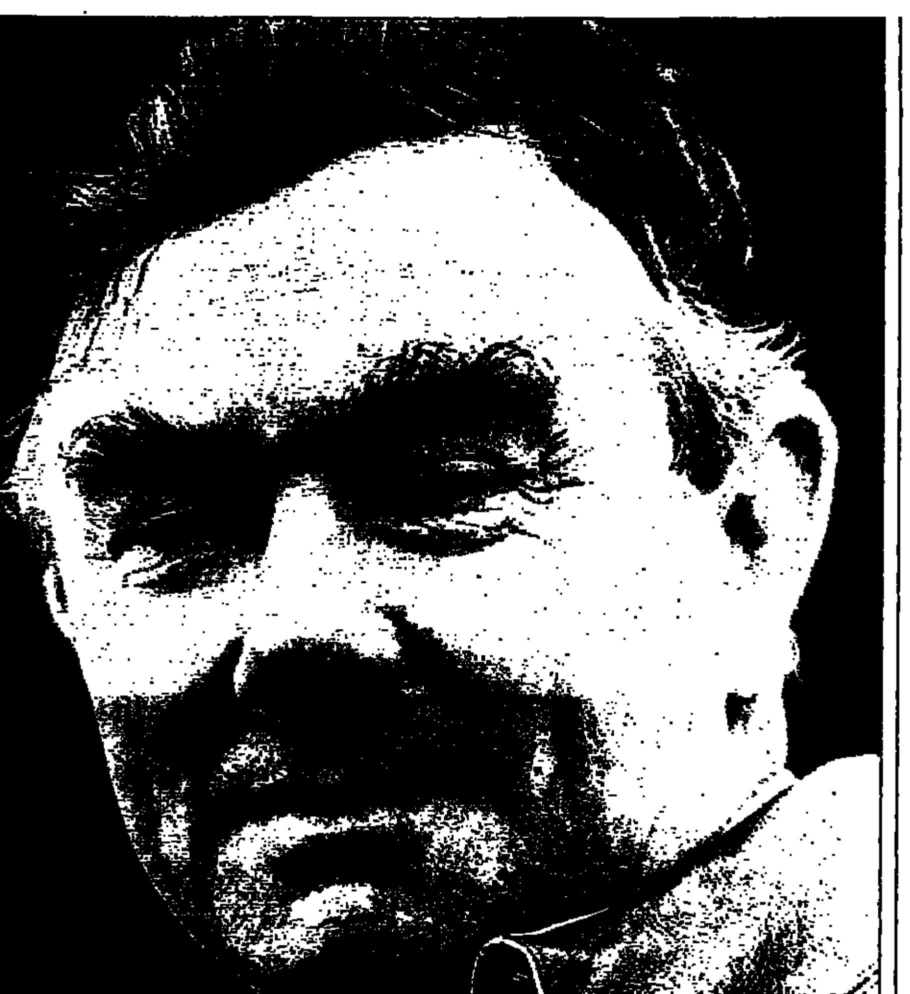
"There are no down sides to all of this," Young asserted. "We see only an upside, particularly for owners, but also for others involved in racing."

An accurate assessment of the complexities can be gauged through the fact that the steering group's advisers outnumber journalists by a ratio of three to one at a progress report in London yesterday.

Owners became eligible for VAT rebates from March 15 this year, and can claim backdated relief once the scheme is in place. Some have expressed concern at the complications involved, particularly where syndicate-owned horses are concerned but Leonard Harris, director of Internal Taxes and Customs and Excise, had words of encouragement: "Life only gets complicated when people don't keep proper records," said Harris of the quarterly declaration forms.

Young added: "It is important the scheme is not so complicated that many small owners, particularly those in partnerships, are frightened off from receiving the benefits."

Overseas owners with British horses are entitled to VAT relief in the same way, provided they enter into the spirit of seeking sponsorship. The scheme will be reviewed in its fourth year of operation.


New territory: Barron collects Irish sprint at first attempt

Sea Gazer provides Barron with first Irish triumph

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

THIRSK trainer David Barron, saddling his first runner in Ireland, captured the group three Ir£25,000 Cara Ballyogan Stakes at Leopardstown yesterday with Sea Gazer, who carried the colours of Peter Savill.

Kevin Darley had Sea Gazer smartly away and, although joined for part of the journey by another British raider, the Jack Berry-trained Palacegate Episode, was always going that bit better on the favoured far side of the track.

Sea Gazer drew away at the furlong pole and then held the late challenge of Bradawn Breever by a length with Palacegate Episode three-quarters of a length away third.

This was the third time in four years that this group race has been won by an British challenger.

Barron ruled Sea Gazer out as a Royal Ascot challenger, reporting that his sprinter's main objective will be the King George VI Stakes at Goodwood. "That track will suit Sea Gazer better than Ascot," said Barron. "I believe also that Sea Gazer will only reach his peak as a four-year-old."

After Approach The Bench had been unluckily beaten half a length by Malvernico in the Ir£15,000 Compaq Glencairn Stakes, his trainer John Mulhern nominated the five-year-old as a definite runner for the Royal Hunt Cup.

Mulhern said: "I am well aware that there are likely to be defections among the original top weights and that this will result in Approach The Bench having to carry 9st 10lb. But I intent to let him take his chance."

However, last season Approach The Bench had shown himself to be a good weight-carrier, winning the Golden Pages Handicap under 9st 8lb. Another certain Irish runner in the Hunt Cup is the Dermot Weld-trained Sharp Review.

Despite carrying the welter weight of 10st 9lb, odds-on favourite Vintage Crop, another top performer trained by Weld, comfortably beat Ballykett Lady by 2½ lengths in the Racal Datacomm Race and is now on course for a tilt at the Ascot Gold Cup.

Second rider dies after being thrown

By Jenny MacArthur

NINE days after a rider was killed at Windsor Horse Trials, a second rider died yesterday following a fall in the Lowesby Horse Trials in Leicestershire on Saturday.

His death coincides with an announcement by The Horse Trials Group of the setting-up of a working party to look into the safety of cross-country fences. Drawn up as the result of the death of 23-year-old Richard Adams at the table fence at Windsor, the working party will be chaired by Hugh Thomas, the director of the Badminton Horse Trials.

Malcolm Munro-Kerr died yesterday as a result of injuries sustained in a fall from his seven-year-old horse, Grebe, at Lowesby. Munro-Kerr, aged 42, struck his head on the ground and he was taken by ambulance to the Leicester Royal Infirmary accompanied by the doctor on the course. He died yesterday morning from his injuries.

Munro-Kerr was an experienced horseman who hunted and evented. He lived and worked in London. The fence where he died had been part of the course for the last four years. During the day, 176 horses cleared the fence without incident.

The working party — which will report on whether any further advice in the interest of safety should be issued to course-builders — will be composed of Mike Tucker, the course designer at the Barcelona Olympics, Captain Mark Phillips, course designer of the Burghley Horse Trials, and Captain Jonathan Clark, chairman of The Horse Trials Group's events sub-committee.

Two deaths in one season is unprecedented. There was one death last year from 40,530 starts and one in 1991 from 37,883 starts. The last fatality before 1991 was of Mark Davies at Burghley in 1988. Between the second world war and Davies's death there were fewer than a dozen fatalities.

Brawl mars victory by Orioles

By Robert Kirley

BASEBALL altercations often resemble the preliminary round of the *pasa doble* on *Come Dancing*: plenty of motion but little serious contact. Why damage a million-dollar arm by landing a real punch?

There was a brawl with a difference in Baltimore on Sunday. One player suffered a fractured collarbone and two others received cuts in a disagreement between the Orioles and the Seattle Mariners. Baltimore won 5-2 to sweep the three-game series and extend their winning streak to four.

Police officers dashed onto the field to contain the fight and to keep supporters in the stands. The battle, which lasted 20 minutes, started in the seventh inning when Mike Mussina, of Baltimore, pitched a ball that struck the batter, Bill Haselman.

Craig Bosio, the Seattle pitcher, back only ten days after recovering from a broken collarbone, refractured the bone. The Baltimore catcher, Jeff Tackett, suffered a cut cheek and his team-mate, Mark Williamson, incurred a nose abrasion.

Ejected for punching were Alan Mills, Rick Sutcliffe and David Segui, of Baltimore, and Haselman, Bosio, Norm Charlton and Mackey Sasser, of Seattle. Lou Piniella, the Seattle manager, was thrown out for arguing that Mussina should have been ejected.

The Mariners made a schoolboy, Alex Rodriguez, a shortstop from Miami, the first choice in the draft last week. Seven of the first ten choices were pitchers, including Kirk Presley, from Tupelo, Mississippi, a third cousin of Elvis Presley. The New York Mets chose him with the eighth turn.

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SALISBURY

THUNDERER
2.30 Keramic. 3.00 Masnun. 3.30 Cromarty. 4.00 ATLANTIC WAY (nap). 4.30 Lyphard's Delta. 5.00 Sareen Express.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.30 LYPHARD'S DELTA (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS
DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.30 EDDIE REAVEY MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £3,183: 6f) (16 runners)

1 (8) ADMIRALELLA (G Mortimer) J Akehurst 8-11 — J Reid —
2 (13) 5 BELLARDY 11 (Mrs F Cannon) B Palling 8-11 — Stephen Davies (5) 78
3 (7) BIEN CUIT (Clear Height Racing) S Dow 8-11 — N Carlisle —
4 (4) 6 CA IRA 11 (Mrs M Slade) D Elsworth 8-11 — G Bardwell —
5 (3) 00 COURT SERENADE 25 (B) (W Mann) M Muggeridge 8-11 — R Cochrane —
6 (12) 50 EUROPHARM LASSIE 57 (K Higson) G Moore 8-11 — B Rouse 88
7 (6) FAIRFIELD DANCER (R Johns) C Barwell 8-11 — L Dettori —
8 (9) GREAT DEEDS (Dubai Racing Syndicate) M Channon 8-11 — T Quinn —
9 (5) 0 HANKYPANKYMANKI 8 (Roldvale Ltd) R Hannon 8-11 — Mark Denaro (7) 99
10 (15) 42 KERAMIC 14 (Monolithic Refractories Ltd) D Haydn Jones 8-11 — J Williams 96
11 (11) 605 LEGAL CONQUEST 14 (R Benasson) C Elsey 8-11 — W Newnes 91
12 (16) LIFE'S TOO SHORT (G Pritchard-Gordon) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11 — D Harrison (3) —
13 (14) 00 MIGHTY KINGDOM 18 (B) (S Powell) J Sutcliffe 8-11 — Paul Eddery 75
14 (1) 0 PRIMA SILK 39 (Three Ply Racing) M Ryan 8-11 — D Biggs —
15 (2) 00 QUEENS STROLLER 39 (Lady Parker) B Hills 8-11 — W Carson 85
16 (10) 00 WHITCHURCH SILK 11 (Highflyers) G Balding 8-11 — C Rutter —

BETTING: 5-2 Keramic, 7-2 Hankypankymanki, 9-2 Great Deeds, 11-2 Queens Stroller, 8-1 Europharm Lassie, Legal Conquest, 10-1 Ca Ira, 12-1 Admiralella, 14-1 Bellaroy, 20-1 others.

1992: HAMSAH 8-11 W Carson (7-4 jt-fav) D Elsworth 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

BELLARDY 7l 5th of 10 to Mount Leinster in a maiden auction at Warwick (5f, soft), with CA IRA 1l 6th and WHITCHURCH SILK ¾l 8th.
EUROPHARM LASSIE 8¼l 5th of 8 to Madame Gregoire in a maiden auction at Folkestone on penultimate start (5f, good to firm). HANKYPANKYMANKI 6¼l 10th of 19 to Double Down in a maiden at Sandown (5f, good to firm).
KERAMIC 1l 2nd of 7 to Prince Azzaan in a maiden auction at Folkestone a fortnight ago (5f, firm). LEGAL CONQUEST 11¼l 6th of 8 to Turtle Island in a maiden at Newbury (5f, good) in April.
GREAT DEEDS is a half-sister, by Forzando, to several winners including Busaco, a winner from 7f-1m 2f.
Selection: LEGAL CONQUEST

3.00 SWANAGE HANDICAP (£5,089: 6f) (14 runners)

1 (13) 615-302 PADDY CHALK 10 (D,F,G) (Mrs R Wellman) L Holt 7-10-0 — J Reid 99
2 (14) 02090-0 BERTIE WOOSTER 10 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs A Rowding) P Murphy 10-9-17 — W Ryan 94
3 (7) 24220-1 MOROCCO 13 (D,F,S) (M Myers) R Charlton 4-9-5 — Paul Eddery 96
4 (6) 30-4150 PRESS GALLERY 17 (D,S) (Lord Howard de Walden) Mrs J Cecil 3-9-6 — W Newnes 94
5 (8) 6-00050 HOW'S YER FATHER 13 (CD,F,G,S) (Unity Farm Ltd) R Hodges 7-9-5 — S Drowne (7) 98
6 (5) 5-60010 TRUTHFUL IMAGE 13 (B,D,F,G) (P Aron) M Ryan 4-9-4 — D Biggs 97
7 (9) 000052 MASNUN 20 (D,BF,F,G,S) (J Page) R O'Sullivan 8-9-3 — J Weaver (3) 96
8 (12) 400-040 BAYSHAM 8 (B,CD,G,S) (W Bolt) B Millman 7-9-2 — R Price 92
9 (11) 101-540 JIGSAW BOY 13 (D,F,S) (All Eight Club) P Murphy 4-9-1 — J Williams 98
10 (1) 3814-00 CHILI HEIGHTS 10 (D,S) (B Attenborough) G Balding 3-8-13 — L Dettori 95
11 (3) 10-5402 PRINCELY FAVOUR 11 (D,S) (C Hamer) R Hannon 3-8-12 — T Quinn 95
12 (10) 5100-03 SURE LORD 12 (D,F) (The Sussex Stud Limited) W Muir 4-8-8 — W Carson 94
13 (4) 6100-30 NEITHER NOR 13 (D,S) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 4-8-3 — G Carter 98
14 (2) 6360-04 ACARA 13 (R Wood) C James 4-7-7 — J Quinn 96

Long handicap: Acara 7-6.

BETTING: 6-1 Masnun, 7-1 Paddy Chalk, Baysham, 8-1 Jigsaw Boy, Morocco, Princely Favour, Truthful Image, 10-1 How's Yer Father, 12-1 Chili Heights, Press Gallery, 14-1 Acara, Sure Lord, 16-1 others.

1992: FAMBIO 3-8-3 T Sprake (15-2) W G M Turner 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

MASNUN ¾l 2nd of 13 to Castlerea Lad in a handicap at Goodwood (6f, good to firm).
MOROCCO beat Cheveux Mitchell a short head in a 13-runner handicap at Newbury on seasonal debut (7f 110yd, good to soft), with NEITHER NOR (6lb better off) 5¾l 10th.
PADDY CHALK head 2nd of 18 to Massiba in a handicap at Kempton (6f, good), with BERTIE WOOSTER (3lb better off) 6¾l 10th and CHILI HEIGHTS (4lb better off) ½l 11th. PRINCELY FAVOUR 3¾l 2nd of 15 in a handicap here (7f, good to soft).
ACARA 1¾l 4th of 18 to Domicksky in a handicap at Newbury (6f, good to soft), with JIGSAW BOY (2lb better off) 2¾l 8th, TRUTHFUL IMAGE (2lb worse off) 1¾l 9th and HOW'S YER FATHER (2lb better off) 1¾l 11th.
Selection: JIGSAW BOY

3.30 BISHOPSTONE CONDITIONS STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,392: 1m 6f) (3 runners)

1 (3) 209-211 KASSAB 28 (D,G,S) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-2 — W Carson 99
2 (1) 4-51 CROMARTY 24 (S) (Sir David Wills) H Cecil 8-7 — W Ryan 93
3 (2) PAT OR ELSE (Lord Matthews) R Williams 8-5 — R Cochrane —

BETTING: 8-13 Kassab, 6-4 Cromarty, 12-1 Pat Or Else.

1992: NOT IN DOUBT 9-1 C Rutter (4-1) H Candy 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

KASSAB beat Alinova 3l in a 6-runner conditions race at York (1m 6f, good to soft). Previously, beat Anchor Stone 3½l in a 7-runner maiden at Thirsk (1m 4f, good). CROMARTY beat Meant To Be 15l in a 9-runner maiden at Thirsk (1m 4f, soft). PAT OR ELSE is a half-sister, by Alzao, to 1m-1m 2f winner Cheeky Pot.
Selection: KASSAB

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Fanshawe	5	16	31.3	W Carson	19	113	16.8
L Cumani	7	26	26.9	R Cochrane	20	140	14.3
R Charlton	5	34	14.7	D Harrison	3	21	14.3
I Balding	16	117	13.7	J Reid	18	129	14.0
J Sutcliffe	6	45	13.3	R Price	6	46	13.0
D Laing	3	24	12.5	B Rouse	17	170	10.0

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 — B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.00 CITY BOWL HANDICAP
(Fillies & mares: £4,012: 1m 4f) (13 runners)

1 (4) 32530-1 ELAINE TULLY 22 (G) (F Sainsbury) M Heaton-Ellis 5-10-0 — J Reid 94
2 (11) 12060-0 MISTY VIEW 21 (C,F,G) (M Pescall) J White 4-8-13 — R Price 93
3 (7) 3630-50 MATCHING GREEN 13 (C,S) (Miss B Swire) G Balding 4-8-10 — J Williams 96
4 (5) 0-06 RANEEN ALWATAR 27 (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) L Cumani 3-8-6 — R Cochrane —
5 (8) 465-345 HARD TASK 8 (J Rowles) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-7 — Paul Eddery 93
6 (10) 514021 ATLANTIC WAY 11 (D,F,G) (C Hill) C Hill 5-8-5 — L Dettori 99
7 (6) 84-51 PLAY WITH ME 15 (S) (Miss K George) J Dunlop 3-8-4 — G Carter 91
8 (1) 20000-0 MAY HILLS LEGACY 32 (G) (Exors of Mrs G Williams) D Arbuthnot 4-8-4 — T Quinn 98
9 (2) 444-0 MATARIS 47 (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 3-8-4 — W Carson 87
10 (3) 2421-33 PRIDE OF BRITAIN 29 (D,BF,G,S) (Pride of Britain Ltd) L Cottrell 4-8-2 — N Carlisle 93
11 (12) 2132-00 CRACKLING 27 (G) (D Marchant) D Marks 4-8-0 — S Dawson 95
12 (9) 844-05 BAYDON BELLE 36 (Mrs S Robins) G Lewis 3-7-10 — D Wright (7) 91
13 (13) 00000-0 GESNERA 22 (A Hall) K White 5-7-7 — J Quinn 88

Long handicap: Gesnera 6-8.

BETTING: 9-2 Atlantic Way, 5-1 Elaine Tully, Play With Me, 6-1 Raneen Alwatar, 8-1 Matching Green, 10-1 Hard Task, Pride Of Britain, 12-1 Mataris, 14-1 Baydon Belle, Crackling, 20-1 others.

1992: LOBINDA 3-8-3 M Roberts (12-1) J Dunlop 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

ELAINE TULLY beat ATLANTIC WAY (2lb worse off) ½l in an 8-runner handicap at Bath (1m 5f, good). ATLANTIC WAY subsequently beat Bold Ambition 4l in a 16-runner handicap at Pontefract (1m 4f, good). RANEEN ALWATAR 10l 6th of 17 to Belle Ballerina in a maiden at Kempton (1m 1f, good). HARD TASK 2½l 4th of 8 to Mi Templeman in a maiden at Goodwood on penultimate start (1m 1f, good to firm). PLAY WITH ME beat Apache Squaw 1½l in 5-runner a maiden at Ayr (1m 2f, good to soft). PRIDE OF BRITAIN 1l 3rd of 16 to Shoofe in a handicap at Folkestone in April (1m 7f 110yd, good).
Selection: ATLANTIC WAY

4.30 LAVERSTOCK MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O fillies: £3,582: 1m) (15 runners)

1 (5) BELMONT PRINCESS (L Leake) A Jones 8-11 — N Adams —
2 (14) 4 CATEQUIL 11 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Fanshawe 8-11 — T Quinn 83
3 (1) COMMON LAW (Mrs N Myers) R Charlton 8-11 — S Raymont —
4 (4) 55-4402 DANCING SPIRIT 10 (L Ward) R Hannon 8-11 — J Reid 98
5 (2) LAMBAST (Exors of the late Mrs J de Rothschild) D Elsworth 8-11 — J Williams —
6 (3) 06 LITTLE MISS RIBOT 12 (B Powis) R O'Sullivan 8-11 — A Clark —
7 (6) 2 LYPHARD'S DELTA 17 (BF) (S Khaled) H Cecil 8-11 — W Ryan 99
8 (13) 0- MINTEEN 286 (A Peirce) J White 8-11 — W Newnes —
9 (8) 00 MY MINNIE 11 (Mrs W Protheroe-Beynon) R Hodges 8-11 — S Drowne (7) 82
10 (7) NOMADIC QUEST (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-11 — Paul Eddery —
11 (12) PADDINGTON GIRL (Mrs H Heinz) J Dunlop 8-11 — G Carter —
12 (15) RIVERETTE (Mrs J Moeller) B Hills 8-11 — R Street —
13 (11) 60-56 SINGER ON THE ROOF 10 (J Smith) I Balding 8-11 — L Dettori 88
14 (9) 03-34 TAHDID 11 (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11 — W Carson 95
15 (10) WADIA (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-11 — B Rouse —

BETTING: 5-4 Lyphard's Delta, 7-2 Catequil, 9-2 Dancing Spirit, 5-1 Tahdid, 8-1 Nomadic Quest, 10-1 Paddington Girl, Singer On The Roof, 12-1 Common Law, 16-1 others.

1992: TISSISAT 9-0 Pat Eddery (4-1) I Balding 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

CATEQUIL 3¼l 4th of 12 to Absolute Magic in a maiden at Warwick (7f, soft). DANCING SPIRIT 3l 2nd of 4 to Wafi in a maiden at Haydock (7f, soft). LYPHARD'S DELTA 1¼l 2nd of 14 to Show Faith in a maiden at Newmarket (1m, good). SINGER ON THE ROOF 8¾l 5th of 19 to Jeibeeih in a maiden at Kempton (1m, good). TAHDID 5¼l 4th of 12 to Mashair in a maiden here (1m 2f, good to soft), with MY MINNIE (same terms) 6¼l 7th. NOMADIC QUEST is a half-sister, by Rainbow Quest, to several winners, including middle-distance winner Highflying and Park Hill Stakes winner Trampship. PADDINGTON GIRL is a half-sister, by Alzao, to 7f winner Bear With Me. RIVERETTE is a half-sister, by Caerleon, to several winners, including 5f-6f winner Notley. WADIA is a half-sister, by Lyphard, to useful 1m 2f winner Osmaldsaye.
Selection: LYPHARD'S DELTA (nap)

5.00 DORSET HANDICAP (£3,392: 6f 212yd) (16 runners)

1 (13) 500-000 CEE-EN-CEE 22 (B,D,F,G,S) (D Humphreys) Mrs M McCourt 9-9-10 — T Quinn 93
2 (12) 0-64010 TOP ONE 22 (F) (C Hill) C Hill 8-9-6 — D Biggs 97
3 (7) 040560- SIR OLIVER 258 (Ms S Joyner) R Hodges 4-9-5 — S Drowne (7) 97
4 (2) 000-032 ASTERIX 8 (V,D,F) (C Hunt) J Bradley 5-9-4 — N Adams 95
5 (4) 623-434 OLD COMRADES 17 (D,F,G) (J Boswell) L Cottrell 6-9-4 — Mark Denaro (7) 99
6 (3) 101204 MARK'S CLUB 50 (D,G) (Mrs B Marchant) R O'Sullivan 3-9-3 — A Clark 91
7 (9) 40-00 OPEN AGENDA 12 (G Roberts) K White 4-9-2 — R Wernham 90
8 (5) 000- SIR THOMAS BEECHAM 286 (Mrs A Hill) S Dow 3-9-2 — C Rutter 88
9 (6) 00000-0 WILD STRAWBERRY 24 (G) (Mrs D Price) M Campion 4-8-13 — B Rouse 98
10 (8) 02-0500 ALNASRIC PETE 17 (D,F,G) (A Speyer) D Wilson 7-8-12 — W Newnes 98
11 (11) 00/0064 MASTER REACH 12 (B) (F Allison) B Meehan 4-8-11 — S Whitworth 96
12 (10) 2400-00 CHARMED KNAVE 22 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Gibson) D Laing 8-8-11 — T Williams 97
13 (14) 006014 SAREEN EXPRESS 22 (CD,G) (D Hazzard) Mrs J Dawe 5-8-8 — S McCarthy (7) 97
14 (16) 000-0 JEWEL THIEF 34 (A Wells) G Balding 3-8-8 — J Williams —
15 (1) 00-0000 MAI PEN RAI 99 (F,S) (C Hill) C Hill 5-8-0 — G Bardwell —
16 (15) 0-35046 ZINBAQ 17 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Baker) C Benstead 7-7-13 — D Harrison (3) 95

BETTING: 5-1 Sareen Express, 11-2 Old Comrades, 7-1 Asterix, Cee-En-Cee, 8-1 Charmed Knave, Sir Oliver, 10-1 Top One, Zinbaq, 12-1 Master Reach, Open Agenda, 14-1 Mark's Club, 16-1 others.

1992: SUPERDO 6-9-0 W R Swinburn (8-1) J Sutcliffe 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

TOP ONE beat Highborn ¾l in a 19-runner conditions race on penultimate start at Warwick (6f, good to firm).
ASTERIX ¾l 2nd of 11 to Sir Joey in a handicap at Chepstow (6f, soft). OLD COMRADES 1l 4th of 16 to Aitch N'Bee in a ladies' handicap at Lingfield (7f, good to soft), with ALNASRIC PETE (3lb better off) 11l 12th. MARK'S CLUB 10¾l 4th of 12 to Another Jade in a conditions race at Brighton (6f, good). MASTER REACH 5¾l 4th of 9 to Deevee in a handicap at Brighton (1m, firm). SAREEN EXPRESS 9l 4th of 18 to Proud Brigadier in a handicap at Bath (1m, good), with CHARMED KNAVE (3lb better off) 9l 9th, ASTERIX (4lb worse off) 2l 10th and TOP ONE (2lb better off) 14l 16th. ZINBAQ 2¾l 6th of 15 to Sir Joey in a handicap at Lingfield (6f, good to soft).
Selection: SAREEN EXPRESS

PONTEFRACT

THUNDERER
2.45 Miss Offie. 3.15 Kick On Majestic. 3.45 Jalcanto. 4.15 Rosie Valentine. 4.45 Graegos. 5.15 Dusty Point.
Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 PETERSFORD GIRL.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.45 Nessun Dorma. 5.15 Dusty Point.

GOING: FIRM — SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.45 YORK & WESTMINSTER APPRENTICE SERIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,684: 6f) (9 runners)

1 40-6 FORTIS PAVIOR 8 R Whitaker 8-11 — G Parkin 1
2 6 CAUGHT REDHANDED 18 R Williams 8-6 — Sarah Thompson (5) 7
3 03 COLFAX CLASSIC 11 B Rothwell 8-6 — J Tate 9
4 0 FORDALLIA 8 J Hetherton 8-6 — G Strange (5) 6
5 3025 MAGICATION 17 J Balding 8-6 — Claire Balding 8
6 -580 MISS OFFIE 42 R Hollinshead 8-6 — J Dennis (5) 3
7 2-5 PETERSFORD GIRL 34 Miss Jacqueline S Doyle 8-6 — P McCabe 5
8 0- SELFISH LADY 250 J Spearing 8-6 — L Aspell (5) 2
9 0 STATE TACOMA 7 G Oldroyd 8-6 — N Varley 4

11-8 Petersford Girl, 7-2 Fortis Pavior, 4 Magication, 9-2 Colfax Classic, 8 Miss Offie, 12-1 others.

3.15 GROVE SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,994: 1m 4yds) (19)

1 0-05 ROLY WALLACE 6 (B,D,F) K Ivory 4-10-0 — M Wigham 7
2 246- WAAZA 74J Miss L Siddall 4-10-0 — O Pears (5) 1
3 00/0 JUST-GO-AGAIN 7 J Jefferson 4-9-10 — J Fortune 11
4 0-46 HOMILE 24 (D,G) B McMahon 5-9-9 — S Sanders (7) 8
5 5030 KHALLOOF 6 (G) Denys Smith 4-9-9 — C Teague (7) 18
6 2500 CLEDESCHAMPS 17 (D,G) M Ellerby 4-9-6 — G Parkin (7) 12
7 0080 BASSIO 6 (D,F,G) C Allen 4-9-5 — W Hood 4
8 -005 DEPUTY TIM 34 (CD,F,G,S) R Bastiman 10-9-3 — H Bastiman (7) 10
9 3000 IRISH ROOTS 10 (V,G) C Tinkler 3-9-3 — M Birch 13
10 0600 MELTONBY 17 (D,F,G,S) Don Enrico Incisa 4-9-1 — Kim Tinkler 19
11 0026 PRIDE OF PENDLE 12 (D,F,S) P Calver 4-9-1 — K Darley 3
12 6410 COOL ENOUGH 5 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 12-9-6 — K Fallon 17
13 6-00 PREMIER MAJOR 7 S Kettlewell 4-8-12 — L Charnock 9
14 0000 MARY MACBLAIN 12 J Harris 4-8-12 — P Robinson 6
15 00-2 KICK ON MAJESTIC 12 (F,G) N Bycroft 4-8-10 — S Wood 16
16 0034 MANX MONARCH 4 K Hogg 3-8-10 — J Lowe 15
17 5240 DANCES WITH GOLD 20 (B) M Johnston 3-8-8 — Dean McKeown 5
18 0206 DOUBLE SHERRY 13 (V) R Whitaker 4-8-7 — M Baird (7) 14
19 1924/000 ANFIELD SALLY 34 (G) Mrs P Barker 7-8-5 — M Fenton 2

5-1 Kick On Majestic, 11-2 Pride Of Pendle, 7-1 Cool Enough, 8-1 Manx Monarch, 10-1 Double Sherry, 12-1 Cledeschamps, 14-1 Bassio, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 11 winners from 27 runners, 40.7%; G Wragg, 8 from 33, 24.2%; I Balding, 7 from 29, 24.1%; C Elsey, 3 from 13, 23.1%; B Hanbury, 6 from 27, 22.2%; Mrs M Reveley, 13 from 60, 21.7%.
JOCKEYS: D Holland, 6 winners from 25 rides, 24%; W R Swinburn, 9 from 42, 21.4%; R Hills, 10 from 51, 19.6%; S Sanders, 4 from 21, 19%; Pat Eddery, 3 from 17, 17.6%; P Robinson, 5 from 33, 15.2%.

3.45 ST JOHNS PRIORY HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £5,299: 1m 2f 6yd) (9)

1 30-0 EXPO MONDIAL 10 (F) J Eustace 9-7 — M Tebbutt 8
2 5-00 HEATHYARDS BOY 45 (S) R Hollinshead 9-5 — W R Swinburn 6
3 1-50 MHEMEANLES 45 (F,G,S) M H Easterby 8-13 — M Birch 9
4 0-10 JALCANTO 26 (G) Mrs M Reveley 8-11 — K Darley 7
5 -215 NESSUN DORMA 26 (S) G Wragg 8-10 — M Hills 5
6 3661 WORDSMITH 11 (C,G) Mrs J Ramsden 8-2 — K Fallon 2
7 03-6 CUTTHROAT KID 15 S Norton 7-9 — L Charnock 3
8 0-12 SILVER STANDARD 29 (BF,S) J Watts 7-7 — J Lowe 1
9 13-5 SPRING FLYER 34 (G) A Bailey 7-7 — A Mackay 4

3-1 Wordsmith, 7-2 Jalcanto, 4-1 Silver Standard, 5-1 Nessun Dorma, 7-1 Mhemeanles, 10-1 Heathyards Boy, 12-1 Cutthroat Kid, 20-1 others.

4.15 EBF THORNE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,318: 6f) (8)

1 243 BELLA PARKES 15 J Berry 8-9 — J Carroll 3
2 CALLABONNA M Prescott 8-9 — G Duffield 2
3 CELTIC CEILIDH J Wharton 8-9 — P Robinson 4
4 5 CUT THE RED TAPE 26 M Johnston 8-9 — Dean McKeown 6
5 PHYLIAN A Hide 8-9 — W Woods 7
6 632 ROSIE VALENTINE 39 S Norton 8-9 — B Raymond 8
7 22 SINGULAR SENSATION 33 B Hills 8-9 — D Holland 1
8 64 STARICA 15 W Elsey 8-9 — K Darley 5

5-2 Singular Sensation, 9-2 Cut The Red Tape, 11-2 Callabonna, 6-1 Starica, 7-1 Bella Parkes, 8-1 Rosie Valentine, 10-1 Phylian, 14-1 Celtic Ceilidh.

4.45 ROPERGATE MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,611: 1m 2f 6yd) (10)

1 0-2 DIWALI DANCER 141 A Bailey 9-0 — A Mackay 9
2 GRAEGOS H Cecil 9-0 — A McGlone 2
3 0 HAYDON BRIDGE 13 P Harris 9-0 — M Birch 7
4 5-00 LT WELSH 47 I Balding 9-0 — B Raymond 8
5 43 MUTAWALI 19 D Morley 9-0 — R Hills 5
6 3- TREMOLANDO 227 R Charlton 9-0 — Pat Eddery 6
7 20- TRIPLE 238 B Hills 9-0 — D Holland 3
8 00 HOPEFUL PROSPECT 29 A Hide 8-9 — W Woods 4
9 0- SCOTTISH WEDDING 229 S Norton 8-9 — O Pears (5) 10
10 5-6 SOUL DREAM 13 Mrs J Cecil 8-9 — P Robinson 1

15-8 Tremolando, 7-2 Triple, 11-2 Graegos, 6-1 Mutawali, 9-1 Lt Welsh, 12-1 Diwali Dancer, 16-1 Soul Dream, Haydon Bridge, 25-1 others.

5.15 IRON BRIDGE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,318: 1m 4f 8yd) (7)

1 2-20 BLUE GROTTO 34 J Watts 9-7 — G Duffield 6
2 5033 CIVIL LAW 5 R Hollinshead 9-5 — K Darley 3
3 1631 CUMBRIAN RHAPSODY 8 (D,G) M H Easterby 9-1 (5ex) — S Maloney (3) 1
4 6000 TEACHER 7 (B) A Scott 8-12 — B Raymond 4
5 0-00 QAFFAL 17 (F) D Morley 8-10 — 5
6 0-11 DUSTY POINT 8 (D,S) B Hanbury 8-6 (5ex) — W R Swinburn 7
7 2222 SAFETY IN NUMBERS 4 Mrs J Ramsden 8-4 — K Fallon 2

2-1 Dusty Point, 100-30 Safety In Numbers, 7-2 Cumbrian Rhapsody, 11-2 Civil Law, 7-1 Blue Grotto, 14-1 Teacher, Qaffal.

Blinkered first time

PONTEFRACT: 3.15 Dances With Gold, Double Sherry. 5.15 Teacher. SALISBURY: 2.30 Court Serenade, Mighty Kingdom.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Nottingham

Going: good to firm, firm in places

2.30 (5f 13yd) 1, TINKER OSMASTON (J Curant, 5-2 fav); 2, Lady Risky (Pat Eddery, 5-1); 3, Bunny Run (S Maloney, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Lady Westbury (6th), 7 Arkindale Spirit (5th), 8 Titch On Time, 12 Monkey Money, 14 Mrs Jogglebury (4th), Little Hooligan, 20 Sullamell, Astrology, 33 Silverisle, Alice of Loxley, Dog And Gun. 14 ran. 3l, hd, 1¾l, 1¾l, hd. C Williams at Newmarket. Tote: £3.90; £1.40, £2.00, £2.60. DF: £30.60. CSF: £16.98. Bought in for 5,000gns. After stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.00 (5f 13yd) 1, TORCH ROUGE (D Holland, 3-1); 2, Dollar Gamble (B Raymond, 4-1); 3, Ashkarnazy (W Carson, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 4-5 fav Palacegate Jack (6th), 10 In My League (4th), 20 Hellaby (5th), 33 Taufeliane. 7 ran. 5l, 1½l, 1½l, 2½l, sh hd. B Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £4.10; £2.00, £2.10. DF: £13.00. CSF: £15.96.

3.30 (1m 6f 15yd) 1, DODGY DANCER (R Painter, 13-8 fav); 2, Arc Bright (J Dennis, 3-1); 3, Ho-Joe (S Maloney, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 10 March Fach, 20 Petite Jess (4th), Premier Blues (5th). 6 ran. ¾l, 2½l, 5l, 6l, 10l. M Channon at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £2.90; £1.40, £1.70. DF: £5.30. CSF: £6.63.

4.00 (1m 54yd) 1, PALACE PAGEANT (L Dettori, 8-1); 2, Dramanice (L Piggott, 5-4 fav); 3, Fluvial (Pat Eddery, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Ajalan (5th), 8 Teahhub (4th). 5 ran. 2l, 2½l, 3l, 1½l. I Balding at Kingsclere. Tote: £8.60; £1.70, £1.30. DF: £5.10. CSF: £17.34.

4.30 (1m 1f 213yd) 1, ST NINIAN (S Maloney, 3-1); 2, Peto (M Roberts, Evens fav); 3, Kristianstad (Paul Eddery, 2-1). ALSO RAN: 100 Wrens (4th), Almostautomatic (5th). 5 ran. 1½l, ½l, 4l, 15l. M H Easterby at Malton. Tote: £5.40; £1.40, £1.10. DF: £2.10. CSF: £6.19.

5.00 (5f 13yd) 1, EWALD (L Dettori, 8-1); 2, Catherines Well (T Lucas, 6-1); 3, Miss Vaxette (M Humphries, 7-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Farmer Jock (6th), 7 Absolutely Nuts, 15-2 Paley Prince (5th), 8 Peerage Prince (4th), 8 So Superb, 12 The Fed, 16 Followmegirls, Hardliner, Ganeshaye, 20 Creche, 33 Rock Song. 14 ran. Sh hd, nk, 1½l, 2l, 1½l. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £10.20; £3.30, £2.20, £2.00. DF: £39.10. CSF: £59.43. Tricast: £192.30.

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2.45 (5f) 1, INDIAN CRYSTAL (Dean McKeown, 8-1); 2, Fort Erie (L Charnock, 9-2 fav); 3, Gaelic Star (R Cochrane, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Monkey's Wedding (5th), 6 Stradishall, 14 Studford Girl (6th), Gaelic Gent, 20 Legal Train, Non Vintage, Tenpin Prophet, 33 Fun'n'fortune, 66 Mazina, 100 Beneficiary (4th). 13 ran. NR: Threes of Hearts. 2½l, 2l, 2¼l, sh hd, 1l. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £7.20; £2.60, £1.90, £1.60. DF: £112.60. CSF: £40.15.

3.15 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, SILVER SAMURAI (J Lowe, 7-2 fav); 2, So Saucy (B Doyle, 11-2); 3, Fletcher's Bounty (M Birch, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Workingforpeanuts (4th), 6 Formaestre (5th), 9 Metternich, 14 Storm Vixen, 20 Winged Whisper (6th), Malindi Bay, 25 Bajan Affair, 33 Absolutley Foxed, 50 Super Charge, Newgatesky, Hatsal, Myllege, Lady Randolph. 16 ran. 1¾l, 7l, 2¾l, 2l, ¾l. Mrs V Aconley at Westow. Tote: £4.60; £1.60, £2.10, £1.70. DF: £26.70. CSF: £22.74.

3.45 (6f) 1, SOBERING THOUGHTS (N Adams, 8-1); 2, Blue Grit (J Lowe, 7-1); 3, Debsy Do (O Pears, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 jt-fav First Gold (6th), Slades Hill, Martinosky, 8 Miss Aragon, 10 Pretonic (5th), 11 Pine Ridge Lad (4th), 33 Croft Harbour. 10 ran. NR: Resolute Bay. 5l, hd, 1¾l, 5l, ¾l. J Eyre at Mirfield.

4.15 (2m 1f 216yd) 1, MARDOOD (S Wood, 9-2 fav); 2, Angelica Park (J Quinn, 11-1); 3, Royal Print (D Harrison, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Patroclus, 8 Cost Effective (5th), 9 Kovalevskia, Creeager, 10 Valseur, 11 Chucklestone, 14 Laikadio, 16 Balzino (4th), Luks Akura (6th), 20 Underwychwood, 33 Barton Pride. 14 ran. ¾l, ¾l, 5l, nk, sh hd. P Leach at Taunton. Tote: £5.10; £2.00, £3.40, £4.60. DF: £55.10. CSF: £50.61. Tricast: £519.52.

4.45 (6f) 1, SERIOUS OPTION (T Quinn, Evens fav; Richard Evans' nap); 2, International Star (Emma O'Gorman, 13-8); 3, Valiant Man (J Williams, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Bold Aristocrat (4th), 33 Top Show. 5 ran. 5l, ¾l, ½l, 3½l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £1.20. DF: £1.70. CSF: £2.81.

5.15 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, TAHITIAN (V Halliday, 11-2); 2, Persian Fountain (D Harrison, 12-1); 3, Marowins (K Fallon, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Benbco (4th), 5 Gypsy Crystal (6th), 11-2 Katy's Lad, 10 Sharquin (5th), 10 Sweet Revival, 14 Aner, 16 Mister Blake, 50 Granderise. 11 ran. NR: Long Furlong. ¾l, hd, 5l, sh hd, 10l. Mrs J Ramsden at Thirsk. Tote: £7.00; £2.60, £4.60, £2.30. DF: £64.70. CSF: £63.80. Tricast: £688.45. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood. Placepot: £156.50.

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Wasim makes Surrey suffer again

BY IVO TENNANT

THE OVAL (final day of four): Lancashire (24pts) beat Surrey (6) by 96 runs

ONE man does not constitute a cricket team, but it would have been difficult here to convince the smattering of Lancashire supporters otherwise. In taking six Surrey wickets for 49, Wasim Akram underscored the belief that, so long as he retains his fitness and enthusiasm, there is no knowing what his adopted county can achieve.

Upon him rest Lancashire's hopes of rising further up the championship table and, should he take the gold award in their Benson and Hedges semi-final today, it will be to nobody's surprise, least of all his own colleagues. He was spurred on yesterday by his friendly rivalry with Waqar Younis – the biggest factor in Lancashire's victory was simply that he took more wickets.

At lunch, Surrey still had all to play for. Needing 399, they had progressed to 225 for three – or, to look at it another way, they had begun the day requiring 285 with all their wickets intact. Darren Bicknell had put on 114 overnight with Lynch, who had taken the attack to Lancashire's bowlers in a way that the injured Alikhan could never have done.

Given that this was the fourth day, Barnett could have reckoned on the ball turning rather more than it did. This was a pitch that would have done for the Test here in August and only later in the day would the ball swing to any perceptible extent. To win the match for Lancashire, Wasim would have to bowl as Waqar had on Saturday, which is to say as well as any fast bowler can.

A devilishly quick yorker dealt for Bicknell in Wasim's fourth over. For whatever reason, Lynch's batting lacked its customary jollity. He turned and walked without hesitation when he was taken at the wicket cutting at Barnett. Still, Surrey had stroke players to come and, in Thorpe and Brown, they had them in form.

The previous day, Brown had made the fastest Sunday League century of the season. Now, he used plenty of right hand to drive Martin through the on side and, with immense cheek, reverse swept Watkinson off middle stump. That bottom hand, though, was his undoing: looking to loft Watkinson to the pavilion, he dragged the ball round to long-on.

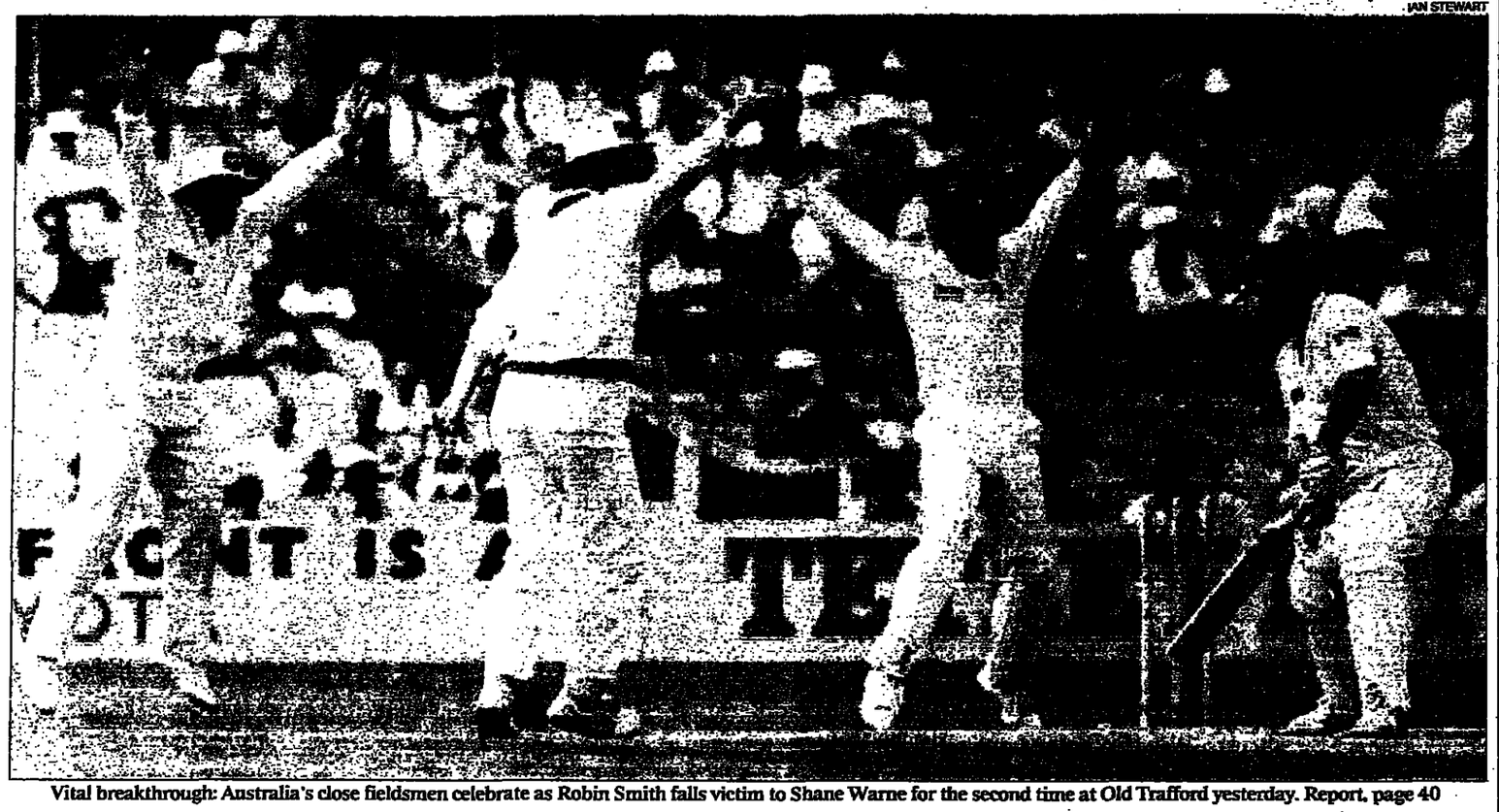
Wasim had bowled for an hour in the morning in spite of having twisted and ankle. Clearly, his post-lunch spell would be of great significance. You could sense the anticipation among the younger Lancashire players. They had been here before. Wasim initiated Surrey's astounding collapse in their Benson and Hedges match by dismissing Thorpe now, he removed him again.

This had not been the Thorpe who had batted with some distinction in the Texaco Trophy. However churlish it sounds, it was hard to recall a shot he had played after he was out, beaten for pace. Yet he had made a half-century. That precipitated another alarming collapse.

In that match here last month, Surrey lost their last nine wickets for 18 runs. Their collapse yesterday did not quite amount to that, but the last six wickets went for six runs.

First, Smith, the son of a former Surrey player and who, on his championship debut, batted as cussedly as anyone, played on to Barnett. Kersey was trapped leg before in the first over after tea. Alikhan, batting with a runner, went the same way offering no shot. Kendrick was beaten on the back foot; Waqar was yorked. In 15 balls, Wasim took four wickets for three runs in addition to holding a juggling slip catch. The sheer amount of cricket, domestic and international, that he has to play means that Lancashire cannot hope to use him sparingly. They can only pray for his well-being instead.

IAN STEWART



Vital breakthrough: Australia's close fieldsmen celebrate as Robin Smith falls victim to Shane Warne for the second time at Old Trafford yesterday. Report, page 40

Semi-finals lack suitable setting

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

IN AN ideal world the semi-finals of knockout competitions would be played before large attendances on the more imposing grounds. Today, when the Benson and Hedges Cup semi-finals are hosted by the two most poorly supported clubs in the country, there will be distressingly open spaces.

Derbyshire, who play Northamptonshire, and Leicestershire, who meet Lancashire, have each sold only 2,500 tickets for games which, should they win, would give them a Lord's final to look forward to. The Racecourse Ground can accommodate 9,000 people, 4,000 more than Grace Road.

For Leicestershire, who froze on the big stage in last year's NatWest Trophy final, days like this are rarer than rubies. But even the visit of Lancashire, who have 14,000 members and a famous aptitude for limited-overs cricket, has not proved a sufficiently enticing attraction. It points to one unavoidable fact. Like the League Cup in football, this competition is very much the "other" cup.

Neither Northamptonshire nor Lancashire have enjoyed a home tie this season and both will be strongly favoured to reach the final. Northamptonshire beat Leicestershire last September in a one-sided NatWest Trophy final and like Hampshire last year, they stand on the verge of a return to Lord's at the first opportunity.

Their victory at Southampton in the last round, and their general all-round form, suggests they are well-equipped to beat a side which alternates between the capable and the banal.

Lancashire expect to find a slow, low pitch at Leicester and should not be disappointed. This is the sort of game that can be decided by the likes of Ian Austin and Vince Wells, which, coming after a magnificent first Test, represents a descent into bathos.

Udal ends drought for Hampshire

BY JACK BAILEY

TRENT BRIDGE (final day of four): Hampshire (23pts) beat Nottinghamshire (5) by 169 runs

HAMPSHIRE'S first championship victory since they beat Sussex at Arundel in July last year arrived at Trent Bridge yesterday in their seventeenth match since those heady days. Shaun Udal, the off spinner who seemed to lose his way at Lilleshall in the winter months, much to Hampshire's annoyance, showed here that he is back to somewhere near his best by taking five for 74 (ten for 171 in the match) as Nottinghamshire were bowled out shortly before 3pm.

The target of 324 for victory, set by Hampshire's overnight declaration, was never remotely in sight on this pitch, made for the finger spinner. Bowling from the Radcliffe Road End was an especial bonus for Udal. The ball bit and it turned and it lifted frequently, and only Chris Cairns of the Nottinghamshire batsmen, with his long reach and forceful method, was able to master Udal's off-spin at one end, Turner's slow left-arm twirlers at the other.

Cairns is an all-rounder fit to adorn any team in the country. His innings of 64 made in 2¼ hours was a high-class innings against the turning ball. He seized every opportunity to attack and struck the ball straight and cleanly as seven fours bear witness. This was his fourth innings of more than 50 this season and follows scores of 93 and 34 against Kent in the last match and 81 in the first innings here.

The tall New Zealander can also bowl more than a bit when conditions suit him. But this was a spinner's pitch throughout, the match lost and won when Nottinghamshire failed to establish an advantage in the first innings and lacked quite the fire power to dismiss Hampshire cheaply in the second. In the end, of course, the whole match hinged on David Gower's glorious 153 on the first day.

Yesterday, the writing was soon on the wall. Randall was caught behind, propping against Shine. Udal accounted for Robinson, bowled through the gate, and for Johnson, who became the first victim of four excellent catches in the leg trap off Udal. All this with only 11 runs on the board.

Thereafter, there were only two real stumbling blocks to overcome. There was Cairns and there was, most bravely, Crawley. Crawley has had an unhappy start to the season. A sprained ankle sustained in Sunday's game had not improved his prospects when he came in at 27 for four obviously in pain and unable to put weight on his right foot.

Yet, accompanied by a runner, he played a full part in a stand of 48 with Cairns. It was the best partnership of the innings. Crawley gone, and despite Cairns, Udal and Turner worked their way through Nottinghamshire's batting towards an inevitable conclusion.

Crawley had been dropped off the first ball he received from a hard chance to Gower, who fell awkwardly and did not take the field after lunch. He was substituted, first by Jean-Jacques, who was resting a damaged finger, then by Nicholas, who was in the same boat.

Walking wounded notwithstanding, there was no holding Hampshire. Terry captained them well. Their catching, especially by Middleton and James at short leg, was outstanding. When Ayling, at midwicket, clung to a skier from Cairns, it was all over. Nottinghamshire, second in the championship table before this match, slipped to fourth and retired to take stock.

COUNTY TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Glamorgan (14)	5	3	1	1	11	16	75
Middlesex (11)	5	3	0	2	8	19	75
Somerset (9)	5	3	2	0	6	20	74
*Notts (4)	5	2	1	1	8	18	66
Kent (2)	5	2	2	1	13	17	58
Surrey (13)	4	2	1	1	10	15	57
*Worcs (12)	5	2	1	1	3	13	56
Warwicks (6)	5	2	1	2	7	16	55
Northants (3)	4	2	1	1	7	15	54
Yorkshire (16)	4	2	1	1	7	14	53
Lancashire (12)	4	2	1	1	11	5	52
Derbyshire (5)	5	1	2	2	11	18	45
Essex (1)	4	1	1	2	12	16	44
Sussex (7)	5	1	3	1	8	15	39
Hampshire (15)	5	1	2	2	9	13	38
Leics (8)	4	1	3	0	6	16	38
Durham (18)	5	0	3	2	7	14	21
Glouc's (10)	5	0	4	1	4	17	21

last year's positions in parentheses
includes 5 points for a tied match

Bailey double act puts end to Worcestershire hopes

BY GEOFFREY WHEELER

WORCESTERSHIRE'S gallant rearguard action at Northampton, where they had followed on 263 in arrears, might well have succeeded yesterday but for the all-round efforts of Robert Bailey, who broke two stubborn partnerships while bowling his occasional off spinners to such good effect that he took four wickets in an innings for the first time.

After Gavin Haynes had gone for 70, Bailey gained an lbw decision to remove the defiant Steve Rhodes for 72 and then, when the last wicket pair, Richard Illingworth and Phil Newport, batting with a runner, had carried the game into the final session he bowled Newport to end a stand of 44 in 22 overs.

Northamptonshire, left 108 to win in 24 overs, lost four wickets getting there and began the last over with six runs still required. As was only to be expected, it was Bailey who saw them home, hitting Illingworth's first ball for two and his third to long on for six.

Steve Watkin overtook Andrew Caddick as the season's wicket-taker by taking four for 59 at Middlesbrough where Glamorgan beat Yorkshire by 121 runs to join Middlesex at the head of the championship table.

Yorkshire, who had been set 314, were given a brisk start by Ashley Metcalfe, but lost their last nine wickets for 66 in 27 overs against the combined efforts of Watkins, Roland Lefebvre, who accounted for the top three in the order, and Viv Richards, who gave his off cutters their second airing of the season.

The hard-working Watkin, who has now taken 38 wickets this season, helped England beat West Indies at Headingley two years ago and has not given up hope of regaining his Test place.

The Glamorgan captain Hugh Morris, who was 134 not out when he declared, said after his side's third win of the season: "This is the best start we have made in my time at the club. We are relying on the old virtues of line and length bowling supported by tight fielding and everyone is making a solid contribution."

Martin McCague, who had limped off the field on Thursday with a hamstring strain, was fit enough to help complete Kent's demolition of Gloucestershire before lunch at Tunbridge Wells. Matthew Fleming, with a career-best four for 31, and McCague (3-15) shared the wickets as Gloucestershire went from 104 for three to 162 all out, leaving Kent the winners by an innings and 69 runs, and Gloucestershire sharing bottom place in the table with Durham.

Warwickshire, set 321 in 69 overs to beat Sussex at Edgbaston, never got within range. Eddie Hemmings, given the new ball, bowled his off breaks throughout the innings and had taken four for 70 when the game was given up as a draw with Warwickshire 199 for five. Trevor Penney and Dermot Reeve keeping Hemmings at bay during the last 20 overs.

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YESTERDAY'S SCORES

Britannic Assurance county championship

Warwickshire v Sussex

EDGBASTON *(final day of four): Warwickshire (5pts) draw with Sussex (6)*

SUSSEX: First Innings 414 (A P Wells 130, C M Smith 80)

Second Innings

J W Hall run out	4
C W J Athey c and b Twose	69
D M Smith c Ratcliffe b Smith	71
*A P Wells not out	31
†K Greenfield not out	19
Extras (b 3, lb 9, nb 2)	14
Total (3 wkts dec)	207

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-150, 3-159

BOWLING: Donald 7-1-18-0, Small 4-1-16-0, Munton 15-5-32-0, Smith 22-5-83-1; Reeve 12-4-32-0, Twose 5-0-20-1

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 301 for 7 dec (J D Ratcliffe 101, A J Moles 77)

Second Innings

A J Moles b Hemmings	29
J D Ratcliffe b Hemmings	27
†M Burns c and b Hemmings	18
R G Twose lbw b Greenfield	6
D P Ostler c Smith b Hemmings	45
T L Penney not out	33
*D A Reeve not out	23
Extras (b 2, lb 16)	18
Total (5 wkts)	199

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52, 2-87, 3-88, 4-113, 5-154

BOWLING: Stephenson 12-3-30-0; Hemmings 33-10-70-4, Giddins 5-0-7-0, Pigott 5-2-33-0, Greenfield 7-1-41-1.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and R A White.

Yorkshire v Glamorgan

MIDDLESBROUGH *(final day of four): Glamorgan (21pts) beat Yorkshire (5) by 121 runs*

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 323 (A Dale 102, S P James 76)

Second Innings

S P James c Blakey b Jarvis	3
†H Morris not out	134
A Dale c White b Batty	29
M P Maynard b Batty	56
I V A Richards not out	43
Extras (b 1, lb 8, nb 6)	17
Total (3 wkts dec)	304

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-119, 3-219.

BOWLING: Jarvis 14-3-52-1; Gough 8-3-13-0, Batty 22-5-72-2; Stemp 28-4-84-0; Robinson 23-4-69-0

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 314 (R. B Richardson 81, C White 67, M D Moxon 51, R J Blakey 50; S L Watkin 4-59)

Second Innings

*M D Moxon c Maynard b Lefebvre	30
A A Metcalfe c Metson b Lefebvre	58
R B Richardson lbw b Lefebvre	42
D Byas c and b Richards	5
†R J Blakey c Maynard b Watkin	16
C White b Watkin	18
P W Jarvis b Watkin	0
D Gough c Dale b Richards	0
R D Stemp not out	11
J D Batty c Lefebvre b Watkin	8
M A Robinson c Maynard b Richards	1
Extras (b 1, lb 4)	5
Total	192

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-126, 3-137, 4-137, 5-161, 6-161, 7-172, 8-172, 9-186

BOWLING: Watkin 22-8-59-4, Lefebvre 11-6-11-3; Barwick 12-4-45-0; Croft 17-6-50-0; Richards 16-5-22-3.

Umpires: G I Burgess and G Sharp

Surrey v Lancashire

THE OVAL *(final day of four): Lancashire (24pts) beat Surrey (6) by 96 runs*

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 392 (M Watkinson 107, G D Lloyd 78, N J Speak 73, Wasim Akram 60; J E Benjamin 4-98)

Second Innings 266 (N J Speak 69, G D Mendis 68; Waqar Younis 6-52)

SURREY: First Innings 260 (M P Bicknell 57; P J Martin 4-53)

Second Innings

D J Bicknell lbw b Wasim	58
†M A Lynch c Hegg b Barnett	63
G P Thorpe b Wasim	51
A D Brown c Speak b Watkinson	43
A W Smith b Barnett	44
†G J Kersey lbw b Wasim	19
R I Alikhan lbw b Wasim	1
N M Kendrick lbw b Wasim	0
M P Bicknell not out	4
Waqar Younis b Wasim	0
J E Benjamin c Wasim b Barnett	0
Extras (b 12, lb 5, nb 2)	19
Total	302

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-124, 2-142, 3-225, 4-236, 5-236, 6-296, 7-301, 8-301, 9-301.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 28-10-49-6; Martin 18-4-64-0; Chapple 14-8-40-0, Barnett 30.4-7-84-3; Watkinson 21-4-58-1

Umpires: R Julian and G A Shckley.

Nottinghamshire v Hampshire

TRENT BRIDGE *(final day of four): Hampshire (23pts) beat Nottinghamshire (5) by 169 runs*

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 255 (D I Gower 153, A N Aymes 62)

Second Innings 256 for 9 dec (V P Terry 94)

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 288 (P Johnson 100, C L Cairns 81; S D Udal 5-97)

Second Innings

P R Pollard b Shine	15
D W Randall c Aymes b Shine	1
*R T Robinson b Udal	3
P Johnson c Middleton b Udal	2
C L Cairns c Ayling b Turner	64
M A Crawley c and b Turner	27
G W Mike c Middleton b Udal	6
†B N French c James b Udal	0
R A Pick c Ayling b Turner	11
M G Field-Buss c Middleton b Udal	14
J A Afford not out	2
Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 1)	9
Total	154

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-9, 3-11, 4-27, 5-75, 6-92, 7-92, 8-118, 9-152.

BOWLING: Shine 11-8-17-2; Ayling 4-2-4-0; Udal 22-3-74-5; Turner 15.4-3-51-3.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and B Leadbeater.

Kent v Gloucestershire

TUNBRIDGE WELLS *(final day of four): Kent (22pts) beat Gloucestershire (3) by an innings and 69 runs*

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 243 (G D Hodgson 75, B C Broad 64; D W Headley 7-78)

Second Innings

B C Broad b Hooper	15
G D Hodgson lbw b Hooper	34
*A J Wright c Hooper b Davis	2
M W Alleyne c Davis b Fleming	43
T H C Hancock c Llong b Fleming	27
R J Scott c Marsh b Fleming	1
†R C Russell c Hooper b McCague	12
A M Smith c Marsh b McCague	1
C A Walsh c Davis b McCague	1
M Davies c Hooper b Fleming	6
K E Cooper not out	10
Extras (lb 5, w 3, nb 2)	10
Total	162

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-51, 3-69, 4-116, 5-122, 6-129, 7-130, 8-136, 9-143.

BOWLING: Headley 6-0-21-0; Botham 6-2-12-0; Davis 23-8-47-1; Hooper 21-9-27-2; Llong 3-1-4-0; McCague 11.2-4-15-3; Fleming 11-2-31-4.

KENT: First Innings 474 (M R Benson 103, C L Hooper 98, M A Ealham 55, S A Marsh 54, K E Cooper 4-106)

Umpires: B J Meyer and P Willey.

Northamptonshire v Worcestershire

NORTHAMPTON *(final day of four): Northamptonshire (23pts) beat Worcestershire (1) by six wickets*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 494 for 5 dec (A Fordham 193, A J Lamb 64, N A Felton 59, D J Capel 54)

Second Innings

A Fordham run out	7
N A Felton b Benjamin	11
R J Bailey not out	35
*A J Lamb b Benjamin	20
M B Loye run out	18
D J Capel not out	7
Extras 12	
Total (4 wkts)	110

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-27, 3-66, 4-87.

BOWLING: Benjamin 12-0-64-2; Tolley 1-0-5-0; Illingworth 10.3-0-43-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 231 (P J Newport 79 not out, C M Tolley 60; J P Taylor 4-64)

Second Innings

*T S Curtis c Felton b Taylor	74
W P C Weston b Ambrose	6
A C H Seymour c Ripley b Ambrose	23
D A Leatherdale b Bailey	5
G R Haynes b Capel	70
S R Lampitt c Ripley b Curran	9
†S J Rhodes lbw b Bailey	72
C M Tolley c Felton b Taylor	12
R K Illingworth not out	21
K C G Benjamin lbw b Bailey	10
P J Newport b Bailey	29
Extras (b 15, lb 11, w 1, nb 10)	37
Total	370

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-88, 3-101, 4-148, 5-190, 6-255, 7-276, 8-309, 9-336.

BOWLING: Ambrose 35-5-84-2; Capel 20-4-41-1; Cook 34-20-33-0; Taylor 31-7-77-2; Curran 23-5-59-1; Bailey 17.4-7-50-4.

Umpires: D O Oslear and N T Plews.

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY (one day): Shenley Park: Middlesex 282-3 (P Farbrace 149, R J Shine 102); Kent 242-8 (D P Fulton 68). Middlesex won by 40 runs.

OTHER MATCH: Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI 246-5 (Hutchinson 73, Newell 58); Combined Services 230-8 (Greatorex 88; Singram 7-37). Match drawn.

☐ The odds against Australia completing a 6-0 Ashes whitewash of England have been cut from 100-1 to 25-1 following their victory in the first Test match at Old Trafford yesterday. Australia are 5-1 on to win the series, with England 14-1 and a drawn series 7-2.

Four-year ban on Livingston stands

JASON Livingston's four-year ban for a failed drugs test has been upheld by a British Athletic Federation (BAF) independent appeals panel, it was announced yesterday. But the decision of the three-man panel, which met on Friday, was not unanimous and Livingston intends to take the matter further.

Derek Johnson, the BAF's representative on the panel, was described by the British governing body's press statement last night as "the dissenting voice". Robert Reid QC and David Littlewood, representing Livingston's regional association, the South of England AA, ensured a 2-1 majority to dismiss the appeal of the European indoor 60 metres champion. Livingston was sent home from the Barcelona Olympics after a test taken before the Games was said to have shown methandianone in his urine.

Ince breaks mould

FOOTBALL: Paul Ince will become the first black footballer to captain England when he leads his country in the opening match of the US Cup '93 against the United States in Foxboro, near Boston tomorrow. Ince, 25, of Manchester United, has been given the captaincy because David Platt is ruled out after injuring his ankle playing for his club, Juventus, in Italy on Sunday. Platt will join the squad for the rest of the tournament, as will Des Walker, of Sampdoria.

Ince, a midfield player, made his England debut in the 1-0 defeat in Spain in September. The United States have already lost their first US Cup match 2-0 to Brazil in New Haven, Connecticut.

New task for England

BASKETBALL: England's failure last week in Wroclaw, Poland, to reach the forthcoming European championship finals in Germany, means they must visit Zalaegerszeg in Hungary next week for a qualifying tournament for the 1995 semi-finals. Apart from the hosts, England will face Belarus one of the better teams to fail at the Additional Nations Tournament in Wroclaw. Romania, Finland, Albania and Luxembourg will be the other nations opposing Kevin Cadle's squad in group B. The top two will qualify for the semi-finals. Scotland are in group A in Austria.

Wraps off new mast

YACHTING: The secret weapon designed to give Lawrie Smith an edge over his rivals in next winter's Whitbread Round the World Race was revealed yesterday when the wing mizzen mast was stepped in his yacht Fortuna. The glass-fibre spar is 29.6 metres tall, just half-a-metre less than the yacht's main mast and some three metres taller than the second spars on her Bruce Farr-designed rivals. Just as impressive is the Spanish yacht's mizzen boom, which stands five metres out from the back of the boat. Smith and his crew expect to start sailing trials on Friday.

Dunlop breaks record

MOTORCYCLING: Joey Dunlop became the most successful rider in the 86-year history of the Isle of Man TT races when he registered his fifteenth victory yesterday. Dunlop, 41, beat his younger brother, Robert, to win the four-lap 125cc race by 12.6 seconds. Dunlop, who matched Mike Hailwood's record of 14 wins last year when he won the same race, said: "I was more nervous towards the end of this race than last year – I thought the last lap would never end." Dunlop won his first TT race in 1977 and yesterday's triumph was achieved at a race record speed of 107.26mph.

Cassani takes stage

CYCLING: Davide Cassani, of Italy, won the fifteenth stage of the Giro d'Italia yesterday but could not wrest the overall lead from Miguel Indurain, of Spain. The experienced Cassani was one of five riders who broke out of the pack about 120km into the 258km ride, the longest stage of the race, and rode the last 12km on his own before claiming victory. Dario Mariuzzo, of Italy, was later disqualified from the race for allowing himself to be towed by a support vehicle. At the time, he was in last place overall.

Tottenham date set

FOOTBALL: Terry Venables's challenge to his dismissal as chief executive of Tottenham Hotspur will be heard in the High Court on Thursday. Sir Donald Nicholls, the vice-chancellor and the Head of the Chancery Division of the High Court, decided on May 25 that Venables needed time to reply to the "voluminous evidence" of Alan Sugar, the Tottenham chairman, and originally postponed the case until today. Sugar sacked Venables, who promptly secured an injunction that it was not "in the best interests of the club" and the case on Thursday should resolve the dispute.

TODAY'S SPORT

CRICKET

Benson and Hedges Cup
Semi-finals

11.0, 55 overs

Derby: Derbyshire v Northamptonshire

Leicester: Leicestershire v Lancashire

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY (one day). Southend: Essex v Surrey; Pinchampseed: Hampshire v Warwickshire; Gore Court, Sittingbourne: Kent v Sussex; Park Avenue, Bradford: Yorkshire v Derbyshire.

OTHER SPORT

CYCLING: Milk Race (Birmingham to Llandudno).

MOTORCYCLING: TT Races (Isle of Man).

GOLF: British women's amateur championship (Royal Lytham and St Annes).

TENNIS: Stella Artois championships (Queen's Club); Birmingham Classic (Edgbaston).

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (62953)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (70545885)
9.05 Morning Surgery. Today's edition includes anxieties faced by first-time mothers and an examination of an osteoarthritis sufferer. (s) (7544601) **9.20 Hot Chefs.** Top chefs prepare culinary creations (s) (8046359) **9.45 Whatever Happened To..?** A new series in which Jan Leeming looks at stories that were once headlines (3130137)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8975205) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (7118717) **10.30 Tales of Aesop.** *The Tortoise and the Bird* (r) (2230243) **10.35 Daffy Duck Double Bill** (7867601) **10.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4587885)
10.55 Cricket. Live coverage of one of today's 55-overs-a-side Benson and Hedges Cup semi-finals (s). Includes **News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather at **12.00** (27436779) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (72394243)
1.00 News with John Tusa. (Ceefax) Weather (37934) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (83312156)
1.50 Cricket. Further live coverage of a Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final (93725663)
3.50 The Brollys (r) (6453917) **4.05 Bodger and Badger** (r) (s) (2193408) **4.20 Watt on Earth.** Episode seven (r) (s) (2107601) **4.35 The Legend Of Prince Valiant.** Animated adventures of a young warrior prince. (Ceefax) (s) (2958972)
5.00 Newsround (4432205) **5.10 Activ-8.** Off-beat activities series. Today — dual hang-gliding, slow motion street dancing and the triathlon. (Ceefax) (s) (9078866)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (356021). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. (Ceefax) Weather (663)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (243). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Wildlife 100: Birds of the Sun God. A *Wildlife on One* documentary examining the remarkable partnership between plants and hummingbirds (r) (s) (4934)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (427)
8.00 The Russ Abbot Show. Comedy sketches (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3682)
8.30 May To December. The first of a repeat series of Paul A. Mendelson's age cap romantic comedy starring Anton Rodgers and Lesley Dunlop. (Ceefax) (2717)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (5363)
9.30 999. Michael Buerk introduces another selection of dramatic reconstructions of cases from the files of Britain's emergency services. (Ceefax) (s) (312917)



Scandal: Ackland, Scacchi, Howard (10.20pm)

10.20 Film: White Mischief (1988). (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (436717). **Northern Ireland:** Greenfingers 10.50 Film: White Mischief
12.05am Cricket. Highlights from one of today's Benson and Hedges Cup semi-finals (6677511). **Northern Ireland:** 12.30-1.30 Cricket
1.05 Weather (7859557). Ends at **1.10**
2.15-3.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Club. Scrambled (347248) **3.15 Legal Network Television.** Scrambled (62199)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Organic Molecules in Action (9558717) **7.10** Biology: Mammals in Water (2744327) **7.35** Physics: Magnetism (1105663)
8.00 Breakfast News (4684427)
8.15 Westminster (6954224)
9.00 Daytime On Two: Lifeschool Special (8024137) **9.25** Landmarks (7553359) **9.45** You and Me (3138779) **10.00** Over the Moon (2006953) **10.15** Out of the Doll's House (6647972) **10.40** Zig Zag (2075205) **11.00** Watch (1616750) **11.15** Short Circuit (2198156) **11.40** Weather Watch (4757205) **11.50** Mexico Vivo (9829866) **12.15** Q and A (s) (1534359) **12.25** Lifeschool (s) (9980885) **12.50** Teaching Today (8536175) **1.20** Just-So Stories (69754601) **1.30** The Adventures of Buzzy Bee and Friends (52976840) **1.35** Crystal Tipps and Alistair (53325381) **1.40** Landmarks (83394750)
2.00 News and weather followed by **You and Me** (r) (79686296) **2.15 Writers' Houses.** John Arlott explores the Dorset countryside that was the inspiration for Thomas Hardy's poems and novels (r) (25328088) **2.30 See Hear!** Magazine series for the hearing impaired (r) (s) (576)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (2225595) followed by **Westminster Live** (8115576)
3.50 Cricket continued from BBC1. Further live coverage of a Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final (s). Includes **News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather at **3.55** (97687682)



Dam debate: Harrabin in Sri Lanka (7.45pm)

7.45 Assignment: Lands of the Dammed. A documentary look at dam-building projects in India and Sri Lanka where many people have been forced to relocate and the habitat of exotic flora and fauna destroyed. Presented by Roger Harrabin (880576)
8.30 Delia Smith's Summer Collection: Food al Fresco. Delia Smith barbecues over a charcoal fire genuine half-pounders, spiced lamb and cashew kebabs and vegetarian dishes. (Ceefax) (s) (7589)
9.00 Quantum Leap. American science fiction drama starring Scott Bakula as a time-trapped scientist. (Ceefax) (s) (906934)
9.45 The Great Picture Trail. A compilation from the series of 90-second films shown a few weeks ago about how some of Britain's best works of art can be seen off the beaten track (208205)
10.20 10 x 10: Applause. A musical exploration of the history of clapping (124311)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman. (Ceefax) (611525)
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (125953) **11.55 Weather** (851934)
12.00 Open Forum. A look at why more students with disabilities choose to study with the Open University; and Howard Stableford is in Stratford-upon-Avon to discover why it is fun to study Shakespeare (r) (83064). Ends at **12.30am**

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CHOICE



Anarchic: the animator Bob Godfrey (C4, 9.00pm)

Four-Mations: Aspects of Comedy
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The animation season continues with a jolly profile of the gloriously anarchic Bob Godfrey. For 30 years and more he has been subverting the cartoon form and pushing out its boundaries. Long before Terry Gilliam of *Monty Python*, Godfrey was creating a surreal world in which everything, including old photographs and paintings, was fair game. His *Henry 9 'Til 5*, about the sexual fantasies of a timid office worker, won a Bafta award. But Godfrey was in the gents and missed the presentation. He made it to California for his Oscar but only after his chums had a whip round to buy him an air ticket. He is alleged to have turned up for a formal dinner in France wearing a string vest and baseball cap. You can believe it.

Viewpoint 92: Growing Up
ITV, 10.40pm

A challenging contribution to the debate about the environmental future of the planet features ten children born after last year's earth summit in Rio. Drawn from nine countries, the children will be growing up in very different circumstances. The plan is to return to them every three years or so to discover how far the promises of the summit have been fulfilled. Meanwhile we are introduced to Hayley Turner from Britain, whose father faces redundancy from the coal industry. We meet a little Indian girl who by the age of eight could be working in a factory to support the family. The Chinese baby, Leong, the only child allowed to his parents by the government, will grow up in a society of rapid industrialisation and horrendous pollution. A promising project gets off to a strong start.

White Mischief
BBC1, 10.20pm

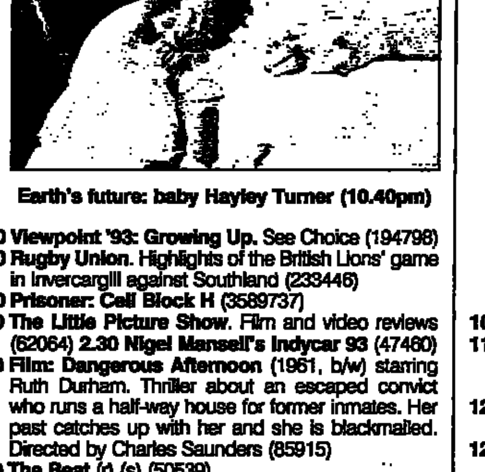
The decadent lives of the British colonial set in Kenya are brought colourfully to the screen by director Michael Radford and a cast with such strength in depth that Trevor Howard and Ray McAnally have minor parts. Drugs, adultery, wife-swapping and transvestism are everyday diversions for these pampered folk and, following real events, the film adds murder. The philandering playboy Lord Erroll (Charles Dance) is the victim, his demise following his affair with the treacherous Lady Diana (Greta Scacchi). The obvious suspect is her pathetic older husband, superbly played by Joss Ackland. The story is as unedifying as the photography is handsome.

Angel
Channel 4, 10.00pm

The Irish writer-director Neil Jordan made his startlingly impressive debut with this cogent thriller about a saxophonist avenging the murders of a dance hall manager and a deaf-mute girl, the "angel" of the title. Although set in Ulster, and reflecting the tragic violence of that province, this is not a political film. Rather it explores more general aspects of killing and revenge, with echoes of Shakespeare (particularly *King Lear*) and the American *film noir*. *Angel* is stylish and stylised, eschewing naturalism and brilliantly served by the moody photography of Chris Menges. Stephen Rea, who plays the musician, also stars in Jordan's latest film, *The Crying Game*. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. This morning's guests include Natalie Cole and Freddie Starr (5419296)
9.25 Cross Wits. Crossword game show hosted by Tom O'Connor (8014750) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7194137)
10.00 Out of this World. American comedy series about a schoolgirl who acquires the powers of her alien father (r) (s) (10779)
10.30 This Morning. Weekday family magazine (32334224)
12.10 Wizadora. Children's puppet series (r) (5672392)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (1646040) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (67979412)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Teletext) (751156) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama (750427)
2.15 Heirloom. John Bly puts a price on artefacts brought in by the studio audience (742408) **2.45 Families.** Drama serial set in the north of England and Australia (s) (2752682)
3.10 ITN News headlines (2236601) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2235972) **3.20 The Young Doctors.** Drama series set in an Australian city hospital (7322408)
3.50 Gingerbread Man. Animation (r). (Teletext) (s) (8313021) **4.00 The Raggy Dolls** (r) (s) (2189205) **4.15 Hulk Hogan** (r) (9316175) **4.40 Finders Keepers.** Fast-moving game show presented by Neil Buchanan (1015663)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (8919972)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (906175)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (23330)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (2330)
7.30 London Wildlife Challenge. The first of a new wildlife series in which Chris Packham and Tony Hare are given a task concerning wildlife within the M25 (s) (595)
8.00 The Bill: Rank Outsider. WPC Page, under pressure, makes a mistake which leads to the release of a prisoner who should have been held. PCs Jarvis and Loxton have to get the man back before Ch Insp Cato gets wind of it. (Teletext) (8750)
8.30 The Darling Buds Of May. A repeat of the second series of the comedy drama based on the books by H.E. Bates, starring David Jason, Pam Ferris and Catherine Zeta Jones. (Teletext) (s) (58205)
9.30 Spitting Back. Highlights from the 1991 and 1992 series' of *Spitting Image* (Teletext) (35175)
10.00 News at Ten. (Teletext) and weather (39066) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (665779)



Earth's future: baby Hayley Turner (10.40pm)

10.40 Viewpoint '93: Growing Up. See Choice (194798)
11.40 Rugby Union. Highlights of the British Lions' game in Invercargill against Southland (233446)
12.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (3589737)
1.30 The Little Picture Show. Film and video reviews (62064) **2.30 Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93** (47460)
3.00 Film: Dangerous Afternoon (1961, b/w) starring Ruth Durham. Thriller about an escaped convict who runs a half-way house for former inmates. Her past catches up with her and she is blackmailed. Directed by Charles Saunders (85915)
4.00 The Beat (r) (s) (50539)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (99286)
5.30 ITN Morning News (11847). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.15 I Love Lucy (b/w). Classic comedy starring Lucille Ball (43446)
6.45 Spiff and Hercules. Cartoon adventures of a feuding cat and dog (2702750)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (50885)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (82595)
9.30 Schools (487427)
12.00 The Parliament Programme. Anne Perkins reports on the business of both Houses on the first day back after the Whitsun recess (89589)
12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early-learning series (r) (58717)
1.30 Take Five Cartoons (r) (12224)
2.00 Film: The Search (1948, b/w) starring Montgomery Clift and Ivan Jandl. Post-second world war drama set in American-occupied Germany about a GI who befriends a ten-year-old Czech orphan refugee. Directed by Fred Zinnemann (911446)
3.55 Zeno Is Sewing. Plasticine animation from Hungary (7893311)
4.00 Salar's Last Leap. A *Survival* documentary about the life of a salmon, including spectacular footage of their famous waterfall leaps (r) (224)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving general knowledge knock-out quiz presented by William G. Stewart (Teletext) (s) (408)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are Richard and Linda Eyer, authors of *Teaching Your Children Values*, and six of their nine children. (Teletext) (s) (1954917)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout. Children's entertainment, narrated by Nigel Planer (414885)
6.00 Mork and Mindy. Vintage American comedy series starring Robin Williams as an alien visitor and Pam Dawber as the owner of the house in which he chooses to stay (r) (601)
6.30 Eerie, Indiana. Surreal American comedy drama series (s) (953)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (393224)
7.50 Comment. Sarbast Hussein with an appeal to the West not to forget the plight of the Kurds (920576)
8.00 People First: Tragic But Brave. The second of a series of documentaries dealing with disability issues. This evening the focus is on the Tragic But Brave Roadshow, a group of musicians and artists with disabilities who campaign for rights not charity (Teletext) (6392)
8.30 The World in a Garden. The first of a four-part series on how the National Trust restored the James Bateman, early 18th century garden at Biddulph Grange in Staffordshire to its former glory (r). (Teletext) (5427)
9.00 Four-Mations: Aspects of Comedy. Bob Godfrey — a Life in Shorts. See Choice (4885)



Revenge: saxophonist Stephen Rea (10.00pm)

10.00 Film: Angel (1982). (Teletext) See Choice (410779)
11.40 Dream On. Adult comedy about the love life of a divorced New York publisher. Starring Brian Benben (r). (Teletext) (s) (910953)
12.15am The Nat King Cole Show (b/w). The guest is Johnny Mercer (r) (79489)
12.45 Four-Mations: Aspects of Comedy. Three Bob Godfrey animations — *Dream Doll*, *Kama Sutra Rides Again* and *Happy Birthday Switzerland* (61460). Ends at **1.15**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Blockbusters (8919972) 6.00 Home and Away (786514) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (628137) 7.30-8.00 Countrywide (595) 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (586040) 12.35am Rugby: The Lions Tour (9577354) 1.35 Film: Author's Disappointment (326083) 3.10 The Little Picture Show (3405064) 4.05 ITV Chart Show (4717002) 5.00-5.30 Riviera (99286)

BORDER
As London except: 3.20pm-3.50 Sons and Daughters (7322408) 6.00 Lookaround (359) 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters (311) 7.30-8.00 Ronan on the Road (595) 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (586040) 12.35am Rugby: The Lions Tour (9577354) 1.35 Film: Author's Disappointment (Jacques Debary, Marc Eyraud, Caroline Sihol) (326083) 3.10 The Little Picture Show (3405064) 4.05 ITV Chart Show (4717002) 5.00-5.30 Riviera (99286)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15pm A Country Practice (751156) 1.45-2.15 Home and Away (750427) 3.20-3.50 Shortland Street (7322408) 5.10-5.40 Blockbusters (8919972) 6.00 Home and Away (786514) 6.25-7.00 Central News (628137) 7.30-8.00 Home Run (Game show about local towns) (595) 12.40am Kojak: Loser Takes All (9884129) 1.35 The Big E (8344084) 2.30 Sport AM (62538) 3.30 Music Box Special (57071118) 4.10 Jobfinder (7512422) 5.20-5.30 Asian Eye (5981422)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15pm A Country Practice (751156) 1.45-2.15 Home and Away (750427) 2.45-3.10 Gardener's Diary (2752682) 3.20-3.50 Sons and Daughters (7322408) 5.10-5.40 Dinosaurs (8919972) 6.00 Home and Away (359) 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight (311) 7.30-8.00 Travellers' Check (595) 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (586040) 12.35am Rugby: The Lions Tour (9577354) 1.35 Film: Author's Disappointment (326083) 3.10 The Little Picture Show

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45pm-2.15 Blockbusters (750427) 3.20-3.50 The Sullivans (7322408) 6.00 HTV News (359) 6.30-7.00 Fit to Win (311) 7.30-8.00 Country Watch (595) 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (586040) 12.35am Rugby: The Lions Tour (9577354) 1.35 Film: Author's Disappointment (326083) 3.10 The Little Picture Show (3405064) 4.05 ITV Chart Show (4717002) 5.00-5.30 Riviera (99286)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six 6.30-7.00 Three's Company 7.30-8.00 Challenge of the Seas

MERIDIAN
As London except: 6.00pm Meridian Tonight (359) 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters (311) 7.30-8.00 Loud and Clear (595) 12.40am-1.30 Magnum (3589737) 5.00-5.30 Freescreen (99286)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 5.55pm Tyne Tees Today (381069) 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters (311) 7.30-8.00 Love and War (595) 12.40am Comedy Tonight (4720489) 1.05 The Little Picture Show (2875489) 2.05 Sledge Hammer (8632719) 2.35 60 Minutes (3060915) 3.30 Countdown (67083) 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder (91064)

ULSTER
As London except: 1.45pm-2.15 Fair City (750427) 3.20-3.50 Movies, Movies, Movies (7322408) 6.00-7.00 UTV Live at Six (23330) 7.30-8.00 Once Upon a Place (595) 11.40 Crime Story (586040) 12.35am Rugby: The Lions Tour (9577354) 1.35 Film: Author's Disappointment (Jacques Debary, Marc Eyraud) (326083) 3.10 The Little Picture Show (3405064) 4.05 ITV Chart Show (4717002) 5.00-5.30 Riviera (99286)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 3.20-3.50pm A Country Practice (7322408) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (23330) 7.30-8.00 Brief Encounters (595) 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (104595) 12.35am Rugby: The Lions Tour (9577354) 1.35 Film: Author's Disappointment (Jacques Debary, Marc Eyraud, Caroline Sihol) (326083) 3.10 The Little Picture Show (3405654) 4.05 ITV Chart Show (4717002) 5.00-5.30 Riviera (99286)

YORKSHIRE
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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (94614381) 8.40 Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4306798) 9.10 Cartoons (2124137) 9.30 The Pyramid Game (68069) 10.00 Card Sharks (7354750) 10.25 Concentration (7002427) 10.50 Dynamo Duck (1841040) 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (68953) 11.30 Falcon Crest (22779) 12.30pm E Street (60885) 12.30 E Street (60885) 1.00 Another World (9405088) 1.45 Three's Company (374021) 2.15 Sally Jessy Raphael (891214) 3.15 Diff'rent Strokes (395514) 3.45 The DJ Kat Show (8160408) 5.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (5205) 6.00 Games World (9359) 6.30 E Street (9311) 7.00 Rescue (6934) 7.30 Full House (9595) 8.00 Murphy Brown (5682) 8.30 Designing Women (4717) 9.00 The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (97953) 10.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (90040) 11.00 The Streets of San Francisco (87953) 12.00 Skytext

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News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (49514) 6.30 News and Business Report (459232) 9.30 Nightline (57311) 10.00 Dayline (56596) 10.30 Beyond 2000 (19427) 11.30 Business Report (13021) 12.30pm News and Business Report (13243) 1.30 Good Morning America (14972) 2.30 Parliament Live (1189750) 3.15 Parliament Live (6897040) 4.30 News and Business Report (8408) 5.00 Live at Five (29311) 6.30 News and Business Report (25205) 7.30 Target (7137) 10.30 Nightline (41682) 11.30 ABC News (18583) 12.30am Beyond 2000 (97793) 1.30 ABC News (19996) 2.30 Target (32996) 3.30 ABC News (37441) 4.30 Beyond 2000 (48538) 5.30-6.30 ABC News (42731)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (8213446)
10.00 Grand Larceny (1988): Marilu Henner learns how to steal (84601)
12.00 The File of the Golden Goose (1969): An FBI agent and a Scotland Yard detective hunt counterfeiters (63885)
2.00pm Papa's Delicate Condition (1963): Jackie Gleason's fondness for the bottle lands him in trouble (81392)
4.00 Oh God! Book II (1980): George Burns returns as the Supreme Being (9327)
6.00 Grand Larceny (as 10am) (57476)
8.00 Switch (1991): Perry King is reincarnated as Ellen Barkin (90141)
10.00 New Jack City (1991): Maverick detectives Judd Nelson and Ice-T pursue drug lord Wesley Snipes (445330)
11.45 Roots of Evil (1992): Policeman Alex Cord tracks a serial killer (466601)
1.25am Scanners 2: The New Order (1990): Psychics spread terror across the United States (616083)
3.05 Bawdy Tales: Medieval romp (726880)
4.40 Oh God! Book II (as 4pm) (7098170). Ends at 6.00

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Day They Gave Babies Away (1957): An eldest child finds homes for his siblings. Starring Glynis Johns (85156)
8.00 The Poseidon Adventure (1972): A cruise ship is overturned by a tidal wave. Starring Gene Hackman (80601)
10.00 Altered States (1980): Scientist William Hurt is physically transformed (77296). Ends at 11.30

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Party (1968): Comic misadventures of Indian doctor Peter Sellers (78866)
8.00 The Good, the Bad and Huckleberry Hound: The animated lawman avoids the gold rush to raise goats and pigs (48576)
10.00 Jolson Sings Again (1949): Biopic of the vaudeville performer (82243)
12.00 The Vengeance of She (1967): Olinka Berova believes that she is an immortal Amazonian warrior (61427)
2.00pm Our Man in Havana (1959): Alec Guinness stars in an adaptation of Graham Greene's comic novel (89934)
4.00 The Good, the Bad and Huckleberry Hound (as 8am) (8779)
6.00 Sweet Revenge (1990): Carrie Fisher hires Rosanna Arquette to marry her former husband John Sessions (57458)
8.00 False Identity (1990): Genevieve Bujold helps amnesiac Stacy Keach (12363)
10.00 Mortal Thoughts (1991): Demi Moore and Glenne Headly are accused of murdering Bruce Willis (443972)
11.45 Arena (1988): Alien gladiators fight for cash prizes. With Paul Satterfield (466243)
1.25am Heat Wave (1990): Drama about the Los Angeles riots in 1965 (984996)
3.00 Starting Over (1979): Burt Reynolds falls in love with Jill Clayburgh but cannot forget former wife Candice Bergen (837335)
4.50 Slaughterhouse Five (1972): A man becomes "unstuck" in time. With Michael Sacks (7666644). Ends at 6.00

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Prime Bodies (10917) 7.00 German League Football (36243) 9.00 Prime Bodies (25663) 9.30 Stella Artois Tennis (62750) 11.00 US PGA Golf (310576) 2.00pm Stella Artois Tennis (5520048) 6.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge (53934) 7.00 Ringside Special: George Foreman v Tommy Morrison (27595) 9.00 The Footballers' Football Show (39953) 10.00 Stella Artois Tennis (70408) 11.30 Cycling: The Milk Race (57779) 12.30-2.30am German League Football (90557)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (11934) 8.00 Golf: Dunhill British Masters (89717) 9.00 Basketball (99224) 11.00 Free Climbing (20582) 12.00 Eurogoals (82446) 1.00pm Tennis: French Open (725359) 4.00 Sailing (17243) 5.00 Eurogoals (5601) 6.00 Eurofun (2243) 6.30 Eurosport News (3595) 7.00 Tennis (12663) 9.00 Basketball (24021) 10.00 Snooker (34408) 11.00 American Ice Hockey (41175) 12.00-12.30am Eurosport News

UK GOLD
7.00am Beverly Hills Teens (3334088) 7.30 Neighbours (3313595) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (4482953) 8.30 EastEnders (4461224) 9.00 The Bill (4452576) 9.30 When the Boat Comes In (9409798) 10.30 Casualty (1588953) 11.30 Happy Ever after (2151363) 12.00 Sons and Daughters (4465040) 12.30pm Neighbours (6396311) 1.00 EastEnders (3333359) 1.30 The Bill (6397682) 2.00 The Magnificent Evans (4175885) 2.30 Bread (7804359) 3.00 Dallas (4056999) 4.00 Dynasty (9806296) 5.00 Blankety Blank (4166137) 5.30 Give Us a Clue (7808175) 6.00 Neighbours (7605088) 6.30 When the Boat Comes In (6422682) 7.30 The Magnificent Evans (7895224) 8.00 EastEnders (4155021) 8.30 Bread (4174156) 9.00 Casualty (8913205) 10.00 The Bill (4473069) 10.30 Life Without George (4482717) 11.00 Till Death Us Do Part (8122021) 11.45 Dr Who. The Mutants (5742330) 12.10am Film: Lady Luck (1946, b/w) starring Robert Young and Barbara Hale (34539660) 1.20-2.15am Videos (9895996)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (86595) 7.00 RatKan II (88601) 9.00 Jack in the Box (25406) 11.00 Stories Without Words (64175) 11.30 Say Ahhh! (32576) 12.00 Secret Valley (99750) 1.00pm Jack in the Box (15798) 2.00 Stories Without Words (7068) 2.30 Say Ahhh! (6098) 3.00 Bobobobs (3818040) 3.25 RatKan II (39053175) 5.00 Pugwall's Summer (1040) 5.30 Saved by the Bell (7576) 6.00-7.00 Fame (95934)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Learning through Life — East meets West **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Tchaikovsky (Fantasy Overture, Romeo and Juliet — original version); Haydn (Symphony No 81 in G); Geminiani (Cello Sonata in F, Op 5 No 5); Weber, orch Liszt (Polonaise brillante)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Gershwin — 1925-1927. Presented by Paul Guinery. Do do do, Oh Kay! (the composer); Someone to Watch Over Me, Oh Kay! (Ella Fitzgerald, Nelson Riddle and his Orchestra); Piano Concerto in F (Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra under André Previn); Strike Up the Band (Jason Graae, Randy Skinner, tap); The Man I Love, Strike Up the Band (Ella Fitzgerald, Nelson Riddle and his Orchestra)
10.00 Morning Sequence: Haydn (Keyboard Concerto in D, H XVIII 11); Shostakovich (String Quartet No 7); Bach (Cantata No 51, Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen); Schubert (Fantasy in F minor, D940); Albinoni (Concerto a cinque, Op 9 No 2); Dvořák (Serenade for Strings)
12.00 John Dowland (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 BBC Symphony Orchestra in Greenwich under Andrew Davis performs Strauss (Serenade for Wind, Op 7); Mozart (Symphony No 25 in G minor, K183); Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 2: Kurt Nikkanen); Strauss (Metamorphosen)
2.45 BBC Festival of Brass: Grimethorpe Colliery Band under Frank Renton performs Holloway (War Memorial No 2); Howarth (Music for Spielberg); Michael Ball (Cortège); Carpenter (Chi). See Choice
3.45 Helen Lawrence, soprano, Malcolm Martineau, piano, play Marlos Nobre (Dengues da Mulatta desinteressada); Ginestera (Triste, Canciones populares argentinas); Isabel Aretz (Cueca), Lorenzo Fernandez (Nocturno; A sombra suave); Nepomuceno (Dos Cancoes, Op 34); Guastavino (La Rosa y el sauce; Soneto, Artificiosa flor); Leteller (Otono); Villa-Lobos (Modinha, Serestas; Nhapope; Evocacao, Modinhas e cancoes)
4.30 Groovin' High: Alyn Shipton presents the fourth of a six-part tribute to Dizzy Gillespie
5.00 In Tune with Rodney Slatford
7.30 London Philharmonic under Franz Welser-Möst; London Philharmonic Choir under Jeremy Jackman, with Judith Howarth, soprano, Christine Cairns, mezzo, John Mark Ainsley and Kurt Azesberger, tenors, Michael George, bass, perform Shostakovich (Symphony No 1); Schubert (Mass in E flat, D950). Given last Sunday in the Festival Hall
9.20 Sleepless Nights: The second of a five-part daily diary of everyday anxieties by the pianist David Owen Norris
9.25 Carmina Quartet: Haydn (String Quartet in E flat, Op 76 No 6); Mendelssohn (String Quartet in F minor, Op 80)
10.25 Rachmaninov Plays Chopin: Nocturne in E flat, Op 9 No 2; Ballade No 3 in A flat, Op 47
10.45 Night Waves: Humphrey Carpenter explores Victorian poetry and reviews the Stuttgart Ballet
11.30 Respighi: Sinfonia Drammatica (BBC Philharmonic under Downes)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, Incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4444. Lines open from 8am
10.00-10.30 Kershaw in Malawi (FM only): Life president Dr Hastings Banda is now in his nineties. Andy Kershaw considers Malawi's political future
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Genesis. Read by Sir John Gielgud
10.30 Woman's Hour meets Kamlesh Bahl, the new head of the Equal Opportunities Commission. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Medicine Now: Geoff Watts discusses race and mental health. Why are black people more likely than white people to be admitted into psychiatric care?
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm Quote... Unquote: Nigel Rees hosts the quotation game. With Christina Dodwell, Nigel Barley, Annette Kobak and Robert Hanbury-Tenison **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Thirty-Minute Theatre: Writing to Rose, by Frank Dunne. Tom has been waiting 30 years to marry Rose. He asks his landlady, Celina, to help him to write a letter of proposal. With Joanna Kanska and Sean Barrett
2.30 Singing for a Living: Nigel Douglas talks to the American mezzo-soprano Frederica von Stade about singing opera
3.00-4.00 Tuesday Lives (FM only): Joanna Buchan talks to Sister Paul, a former ballroom dancer who became a nun
3.00 Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews Edmund White's biography of Jean Genet; and Michael Bogdanov's production of *The Venetian Twins* at Stratford
4.45 Short Story: That Was Eden, by Margaret Littlewood. Read by Sheila Donald
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Virgin in the Ice, by Ellis Peters. Sir Michael Hordern narrates the second series of *The Chronicles of Brother Cadfael*. With Philip Madoc as the medieval sleuth (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: Alex Kirby reports
8.00 Science Now: The legacy of Alan Turing (r)
8.30 The New Recruit: Newsreaders. See Choice
8.45 In Touch with Peter White
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Nigel Cassidy **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Story of San Michele, by Axel Munthe. Adapted and read by Jeremy Nicholas (7/10)
11.00 Stanza: The poet Tony Harrison talks about his work, including his latest film, *Black Daisies for the Bride*. With Andrew McAllister
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

The New Recruit. *Radio 4, 8.30pm.*
David Dunhill is the newsreader who, in measured tones, spoke the Home Service valediction on the eve of Radio 4's birth. Tina Richie looses off the arrow-swift news bulletins on Radio 1's *Newsbeat*. In Dunhill's day, bulletins could last 15 minutes; there were no women readers, anonymity was *de rigueur*, and other hands wrote the scripts. Richie has a one-minute slot, compiles her own bulletins, and everyone knows who she is. When they compare notes tonight, it is a time-warping experience — as if Noah and the designer of Concorde are discussing transport.

BBC Festival of Brass. *Radio 3, 2.45pm.*
Appropriately, it is the two BBC-commissioned works that are the highlights of this concert by the Grimethorpe Colliery Band. They are Michael Ball's *Cortège* and Gary Carpenter's *Chi*. For the film-going public, however, the work that holds the most interest is Elgar Howarth's *Music for Spielberg*. This evokes, and pays homage to, the big-screen movie magic with which Steven Spielberg's name is synonymous. **Peter Davalle**

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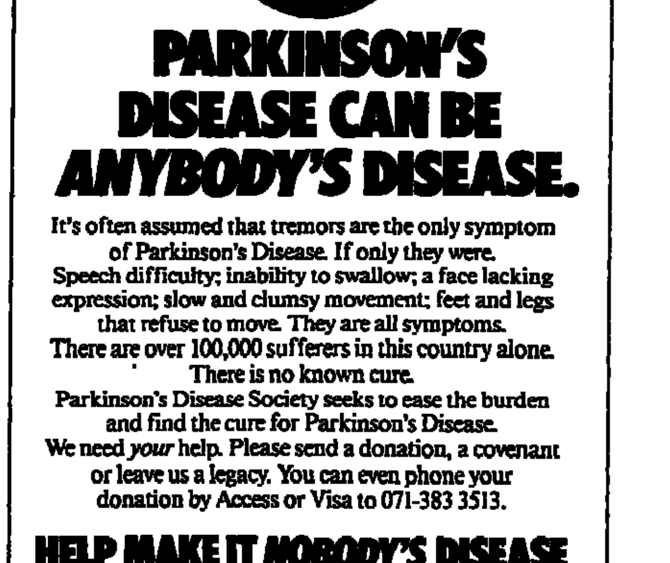
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RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. 6.00am World Service: Newshour 6.30 Morning Edition 9.00 The Couch Potato's Guide to Creative Leisure 10.25 Wiggly Park 10.30 Cup Cricket: The semi-final of the Benson and Hedges Cup at Lord's, introduced by Eleanor Oldroyd. Plus an update of the Stella Artois tennis tournament and the British Lions tour 8.00pm Cult Radio 9.30 X Minus One 10.10 Earshot presented by John Cavanagh 12.00-12.10am News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE
All times in BST. 4.30am BBC English 4.45 News and Press Review in German 5.00 Morgenmagazin; Tips für Touristen 5.30 Londres Matin 6.00 News 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.10 News About Britain 7.15 The World Today 7.30 Rock Salad 8.00 Newsdesk 8.30 New Ideas 8.50 Hallowed Ground 9.00 News 9.10 Words of Faith 9.15 Concert Hall 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Growing Points in Medicine 10.30 The Learning World 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.01 Discovery 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 11.59 Business Update Noon Newsdesk 12.30pm Megamix 1.00 News 1.10 Words of Faith 1.15 Multitrack 1 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Off the Shelf: The Roonek 3.45 The Contemporary Virtuoso 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.29 News in French 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News 5.10 News About Britain 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.00 News 6.05 World Business Report 6.15 The World Today 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.05 German Features 8.00 News 8.05 Outlook 8.30 Europe Today 9.00 News 9.10 Words of Faith 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Meridian 10.00 News 11.10 News About Britain 11.15 Megamix 11.45 Sports Roundup Midnight News 12.05am World Business Report 12.15 Concert Hall 1.00 News 1.30 Omnibus 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Sound Business 2.45 Country Style 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Development '93 4.00 News 4.10 News About Britain 4.15 Sport

CLASSIC FM
6.00am Paul Gambaccini 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto: Haydn (Oboe Concerto in C) 3.00 Petroc Trelawny 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 The Classic Opera Guide with Hugh MacPherson 8.00 Evening Concert: The 41st annual Royal Overseas League music competition, from Queen Elizabeth Hall, London 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00-6.00am André Leon

VIRGIN 1215
6.00am Russ Williams 10.00 Richard Skinner 1.00pm Mitch Johnson 4.00 Tommy Vance 7.00 Jonathan Coleman 10.00 Nick Abbot 2.00-6.00 Wendy Lloyd



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England captain's dogged resistance ended by rare dismissal at Old Trafford

Gooch hands first victory to Australia

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

OLD TRAFFORD (final day of five): Australia beat England by 179 runs

IT WAS appropriate that a Test match that had almost everything should turn on an event so rare that decades pass without it occurring. At 2.18pm yesterday afternoon, Graham Gooch was dismissed for 133. The man who desires nothing more passionately than an Ashes success as his epitaph now has "handled the ball" instead.

With the curious end of Gooch's heroic innings came, effectively, the end of England. It has often been this way. Australian celebrations were delayed until 25 minutes into the last hour and only 58 balls remained, but the result was never in serious doubt.

For England, defeat brings its harrowing statistics. Since 1987, the Test match score between the oldest enemies is 8-0 to Australia. Since last August, England have played six Tests, against four countries of varying ability, and lost them all. It is a recession without parallel for the national team and it will have its casualties. This was a game that England were chasing, for the most part ineffectually, from Thursday lunchtime. If you put the opposition in and fail to split the openers before lunch, you know you are up against it. Gooch becomes the first captain to bowl first and lose a Test on this ground. More worrying for him will be the suspicion that England do not have the resources to claw back the deficit.

Exonerating Peter Such, who took more than half the Australian wickets, and, to some extent, Andy Caddick, the bowling was woeful. The batting was sustained only by Gooch, who made a third of his team's runs and has now scored ten centuries in 31 Tests as captain, an extraordinary feat.

Australia's, by contrast, was a genuine team effort. Six of their top seven batsmen made a score of above 50; three of their four bowlers contributed generously. The most remarkable fact, in a game full of such things, was that Craig McDermott, touted as the key bowler of the series, failed to take a wicket.

With McDermott malfunctioning, the burden fell more onerously than ever on Merv Hughes to provide penetration through pace. He rose to the task and more, taking eight wickets with the familiar unsubtle variety act of which, now, not even the most disapproving should deride. There is quality behind the bluff and bluster and, if his verbal abuse of batsmen remains constantly unattractive, his bowling is a formidable proposition.

Yet the match-winner, by his constant puppeteering of the batsmen, was Shane Warne. There were times yesterday when he became openly agitated as the expectation that he would decide the contest weighed upon him. But he came through for match figures of eight for 137 and added a stunning catch, at leg-slip, to divide England's stubborn ninth-wicket pair.

There is an argument that England did well to extend the game into the last hour. There is, equally, a case for saying they should not have been beaten, for, although Warne continued to turn the ball at will, there was nothing in the fifth-day pitch for the other bowlers except occasional extra bounce. Warne, who had been introduced from the Warwick Road end at 4.30pm on Sunday, resumed yesterday morning and bowled unchanged until 3.25pm, a spell of 41 overs. His duel with Gooch was riveting but inconclusive. For the most part, Gooch kicked away anything pitched outside leg stump, twice finding the ball in the area for the measured, on-driven six.

When the bat was required, it was used with yielding hands, usually behind the pad, a telling contrast to the methods of Robin Smith. Four of Smith's six dismissals in India last winter were to the leg-spin of Kumble and, unless he can come to terms rapidly with the problem, he is in danger of becoming Warne's rabbit.

Smith somehow survived 90 minutes, punctuated by moral victories for Warne, before stunning but failing to smother the top-spinner. That brought in Graeme Hick, whose biggest problems were to come not from Warne but from the hostile Hughes. Hick's 187 at Worcester last month against them has not convinced the Australians of his technique against the short ball and Hughes, either side of lunch, tested him mercilessly.

Twice, he might have been caught off the shoulder of the bat and it was an unconvincing innings even before the diffident forward push which brought his end. The wicket was crudely and unnecessarily marked by Hughes, who almost knocked Hick over in his rush to insult him.

Hughes, two overs earlier, had been responsible for Gooch's dismissal, though the laws dictate that he will not receive the credit. Defending, on the back foot, Gooch saw the ball bounce backwards, threatening leg-stump. As it fell, he instinctively knocked it away with his free, right hand. Umpire Bird rightly upheld the appeal and Gooch had another first to his name, no Englishman in history having been out this way in Tests.

Stewart again failed with the bat after keeping wicket, a lesson which cannot much longer be put down to coincidence. DeFreitas, scorning footwork, was leg-before to Julian and although Lewis played some fine shots, it was not the first time he has reserved his best cricket of the game for a lost cause.

Caddick resisted for 90 minutes before Warne plunged low at leg-slip to catch him, one-handed at the second grab. Hughes bristled too fearsomely for Such and Border took the final catch. The ecstatic look on his weather-beaten face may be familiar come the end of this summer.

GRAHAM Gooch is the first Englishman and only the fifth batsman in Test matches to be given out "handled the ball." The others are:

W R Endean (SA v Eng), Cape Town, 1956-7
A M J Hilditch (Aus v Pak), Perth, 1978-9
Mohsin Khan (Pak v Aus), Karachi, 1982-3
D L Haynes (W Indies v India), Bombay, 1983-4
G A Gooch (Eng v Aus), Old Trafford, 1993

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Ups and downs: Healy leaps to celebrate as Smith, stretching forward, is out. Photograph, Ian Stewart

Injuries threat to Graf and Agassi

By Stuart Jones
Tennis Correspondent

THE reigning Wimbledon singles champions may be unable to defend their titles at this year's tournament because of injury. Steffi Graf could have a stress fracture of her right foot and Andre Agassi may require an operation to cure persistent tendinitis in his right hand.

It was announced yesterday that Graf suffered her injury during her quarter-final against Jennifer Capriati in the French Open last week. In spite of the supposed extent of the affliction, she went on to win the title, resisting Mary Joe Fernandez for two and a half hours in the final last Saturday.

That she was able to endure more than two matches, one of which was protracted and arduous, suggests that the problem is not serious. It does explain, though, why she was so curiously downcast and subdued during her official press conference after her victory over Fernandez at Roland Garros.

A specialist, who treated her in Paris, advised her to return home for five days' rest. She was seen yesterday by a doctor in Bruhl, and Heinz Gunthardt, her coach, is optimistic that the prognosis, which will probably be announced today, will not necessarily rule her out of Wimbledon.

Agassi, the flamboyant men's champion, fears that his injury may not be easily cured. Earlier in the year he had played on "hoping that it would get better". It did not and he was forced to withdraw from the French Open, where he reached the final in 1990 and 1991.

He flew to Seattle yesterday to see a hand specialist. "I will have a shot of cortisone," Agassi said, "and if that does not settle it down, I may have to have surgery." If so, clearly he would have to pull out of the tournament, which starts in a fortnight.

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SCOREBOARD FROM OLD TRAFFORD

England won toss

AUSTRALIA
First Innings 289 (M A Taylor 124, M J Slater 58, P M Such 6 for 57). Second Innings 432 for 5 dec (I A Healy 102 not out, D C Boon 93, S R Waugh 78 not out, M E Waugh 64).

ENGLAND
First Innings 210 (G A Gooch 65, M G Hughes 4 for 59, S K Warne 4 for 51)

Second Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Ball
*G A Gooch handled the ball	133	2	21	309	247
knocked ball as it fell towards stumps					
M A Atherton c Taylor b Warne	25	—	4	96	72
sharp leg break edged to slip					
M W Gatting b Hughes	23	—	4	53	34
yorked off pads					
R A Smith b Warne	18	—	2	82	65
ball slid from middle of bat on to stumps					
G A Hick c Healy b Hughes	22	—	5	93	71
defending, faint touch to outswinger					
†A J Stewart c Healy b Warne	11	—	1	33	25
edged forward defensive shot					
C C Lewis c Taylor b Warne	43	—	7	95	77
edged flighted leg break to slip					
P A J DeFreitas low b Julian	7	—	1	38	26
trying to push ball through mid-wicket					
A R Caddick c Warne b Hughes	25	—	5	84	74
diving, one-handed at second attempt					
P M Such c Border b Hughes	9	—	2	51	36
diving, one-handed catch at silly point					
P C R Tufnell not out	0	—	—	5	0
Extras (lb 11, w 1, nb 4)	16				
Total (477 min, 120.2 overs)	332				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-73 (Gooch 46), 2-133 (Gooch 92), 3-171 (Gooch 101), 4-223 (Hick 18), 5-230 (Stewart 3), 6-232 (Lewis 0), 7-260 (Lewis 14), 8-299 (Caddick 5), 9-331 (Such 8).
BOWLING: McDermott 30-9-76-0 (nb 3) (11-3-33-0, 11-5-20-0, 2-0-5-0, 6-1-18-0), Hughes 27.2-4-92-4 (6-0-27-0, 3-0-17-1, 14-4-37-1, 4.2-0-11-2), Warne 49-28-66-4 (41-22-70-3, 8-4-15-1), Julian 14-1-67-1 (nb 2, w 1) (5-0-31-0, 6-0-30-1, 3-1-6-0)
INTERMEDIATE SCORES: Fourth day: Tea: 27-0 (Gooch 20, Atherton 5) in 7 overs. 50 in 48 min, 11.3 overs: 100 in 113 min, 28 overs. Close: 133-2 (Gooch 82) in 37 overs. Fifth day: 150 in 195 min, 48.2 overs. Lunch: 197-3 (Gooch 112, Hick 13) in 68 overs. 200 in 277 min, 69.3 overs. New ball: 94 overs at 248-6. 250 in 373 min, 94.2 overs. Tea: 273-7 (Lewis 27, Caddick 0) in 99 overs. 300 in 436 min, 110.2 overs. Innings closed: 5.24pm, Gooch 50, 102 min, 74 balls, 11 fours. 100: 222 min, 172 balls, 17 fours, 1 six.
Umpires: H D Bird and K E Palmer
Man of the match: S K Warne (adjudicator: J P Agnew)
Australia won by 179 runs
MATCHES TO COME: Second Test: Lord's, June 17-21. Third Test: Trent Bridge, July 1-6. Fourth Test: Headingley, July 22-26. Fifth Test: Edgbaston, August 5-9. Sixth Test: The Oval, August 19-23

Lion-hearted Hughes earns highest praise from Border

THEY called Nat Lofthouse the Lion of Vienna. If Allan Border is to be believed, and he should certainly be heard after supervising one of the finest performances by a fast bowler on this batsman's paradise in recent years, Merv Hughes has earned a similar sobriquet, the Lion of Manchester (Michael Henderson writes).

"Merv deserved all the accolades for hustling and bustling on a flat pitch and it's about time he got them. He is often regarded as a joke but that is so far from the truth it is not funny. When he has the ball in his hands you always know you are in a contest.

"He has had a slow start to the tour but you could tell the heart of the man by the way he bowled here. When he is bowling there is never any doubt about whether there is bounce in the pitch. On pure stats he is up there with the best. It was a lion-hearted performance. I also thought Craig McDermott bowled a fantastic early spell and deserved a couple of wickets."

Border thought that Shane Warne, who tormented England from the other end, remained Australia's trump card. "He could determine the balance of the series. Just by bowling that first ball to Gatting on Friday he created a psychological edge. Whether England attack him differently from now on remains to be seen."

Towards the end of another draining day, Warne complained of "heavy legs", which is preferable to the heavy hearts in the home dressing-room. The teams now go to Lord's, where Australia have not lost since 1934.

Predictably, Border considered Gooch's peculiar dismissal the vital one. "I wanted to make sure everyone was happy with it. The umpires conferred and wanted to know whether my appeal stood and I told them 'yes'. If he was out he was out. He might have let the ball go but I think it would probably have hit the top of the leg stump."

Gooch offered no excuses. "It was an instinctive thing to do but I know the rules," he said. "There is no magic formula. I am disappointed that we lost but it happens. We must become more competitive and we did not play to our capacity in this match." He indicated there would be changes for Lord's, though not "wholesale" ones.

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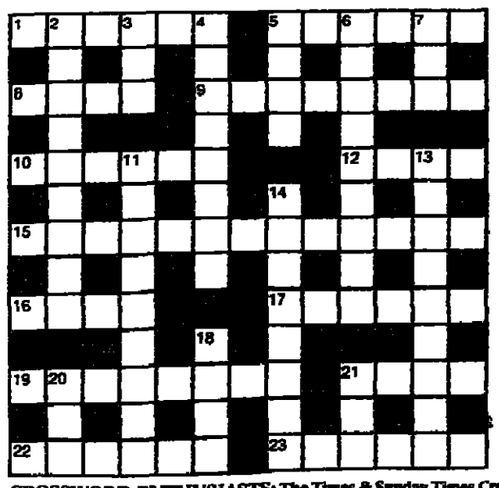
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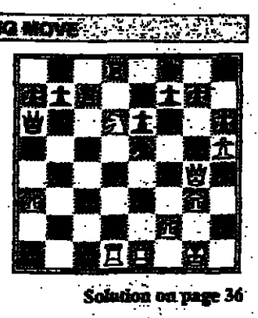
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Short — Bareev, Tilburg 1991. White is two pawns down, and if he captures the knight on e5, black will return the compliment on d6. However, Britain's strongest-ever chessplayer had prepared a devilish coup. What did he have in mind? Predictamove game for the World Championship can be followed on Channel 4 Teletex page 478.



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WORD-WATCHING

TROCHOTRON
a. A dinosaur with horns
b. A trochaic catalectic metre
c. A type of magnetron

POLYSEMY
a. A parrot sanctuary
b. Having many serial husbands
c. With many meanings

CATHISMA
a. A priest's chair
b. Ritual purification
c. Part of the psalter

HISPA
a. A hairy beetle
b. A long spear
c. A type of celadon bowl

Answers on page 36

